



ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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GUIDELINES RESIDENTIAL MEDICATIONS & SHARPS DISPOSAL 2015

The following guidelines apply to **residential** wastes only. Pharmacies, veterinary clinics and other health care providers may phone 360-679-7386 for information or assistance.

Disposal of Medications

1. **Do not dispose of medications down any sink, toilet or drain** to prevent pollution of the Puget Sound, surface or ground waters.
2. **Check with the Island County Sheriff** for the next **prescription drug collection event**. 679-7310, 321-5111 x7310, or 629-4505 x7310
3. **Store prescription drugs in a safe and secure manner** until disposing at the next collection event.
4. The **City of Oak Harbor Police Department** will accept **prescription pills** for disposal **year round**. Call 279-9567 for more information.

Hypodermic Needles (Sharps) Disposal

1. **Place used needles into** preferably a PETE plastic bottle (e.g. a 2-liter soda bottle,) or alternately red manufactured "sharps" container available at pharmacies. When full,
2. **Securely tape the lid.**
3. **Dispose of container 9:30-5:00 Daily** (Closed on observed holidays) at:

Solid Waste Complex, Coupeville
20018 SR 20
Coupeville

OR,

Camano Island Transfer Station
75 E. Camano Hill Rd

An \$11.00 minimum charge for up to 40 pounds of solid waste applies.

Mercury Thermometers Secure to prevent breakage. Deliver to any County Solid Waste facility. For locations or other information, please:

- Phone 360-679-7386, 321-5111 x7386, or 629-4522 x7386, or
- Visit <http://www.recyclewhidbey.net>

Thank-you for properly disposing of sharps and unwanted medications