

# Safe Meds & Sharps Disposal

Recent studies show traces of prescription medications in the wastewater treatment system, which leads to surface water pollution. Household flushing of prescription drugs affects plant and marine life. Aquatic organisms may have altered behavior, decreased fertility or growth, gender ratio imbalance, or poor egg hatching. With soiled water supplies, human and animal life are also influenced.

## Pharmaceutical Disposal Locations

Disposable meds include unused or expired needles, expired prescription drugs, and over-the-counter medications.



**NEVER FLUSH MEDICATIONS  
DOWN THE TOILET!**

## Local Milpitas Meds Drop-Off Locations

### Valley Medical Center

143 N. Main St.  
Milpitas, CA 95035  
**(888) 334-1000**  
Monday–Friday 9AM–5PM  
(Main lobby near lobby restrooms)

### Santa Clara County Sheriff- Department Headquarters

55 W. Younger Ave  
San Jose, CA 95110  
(Located in the main lobby)  
**(408) 808-4405**  
Open 24 hours, 7 days a week  
County of Santa Clara Residents Only

Improper dumping and incorrect disposal of sharps alter the environment by increasing chances of possible needle-stick injury. Such injuries may include serious health infections: Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, or HIV. Recycling and

garbage and sewage workers, janitors, housekeepers, and household members are at higher risk of harm as well.

## Sharps Disposal Locations

Disposable sharps include hypodermic syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood tests. Safely discard used sharps in an approved container.



Approved containers must be rigid, puncture and leak resistant, unbreakable with a tight lid and label of "Sharps Waste" or an International Biohazard label. Milk jugs, glass jars, and soda bottles are not permitted.

**NEVER PLACE SHARPS DISPOSAL CONTENTS  
IN RECYCLING OR GARBAGE CONTAINERS!**

## Local Milpitas Sharps Drop-Off Location

### HHW Program

Must schedule a drop-off appointment at [www.HHW.org](http://www.HHW.org)  
OR the HHW hotline **(408) 299-7300**

**Regulations of meds and sharps disposal include the Safe Drug Disposal (SDD) Ordinance by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors and State Law Health and Safety Code 118286, prohibiting persons from placing home-generated sharps into trash or recycle containers.**

**For a list of drop off locations, please visit [www.HHW.org](http://www.HHW.org) or call (408) 299-7300**

