



# Disposal of Medication and Sharps



## Locations for Medication Disposal

### Acceptable Items:

Prescription/Over-the-counter medications.  
Medication in any dosage form in the original container or sealed bag.

***To protect your privacy cross out or remove personal identifying information from the medicine packaging.***

### Unacceptable Items:

Sharps/Syringes/ EpiPens  
Aerosol cans/inhalers  
Ointments/ lotions /liquids  
Herbal remedies/ vitamins/supplements  
Medical devices/batteries/thermometers  
Illicit drugs  
Pet pesticide products/ animal medicines/ biologics.

### Columbia County Sheriff 503-366-4611

901 Port Ave., St. Helens

Open 7 Days a week 8:30am - 5:00pm

### Columbia City - City Hall 503-397-4010

1840 2nd St, Columbia City

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

Closed from 12pm - 1pm each day

### Rainier Police Department 503-556-3644

106 B St, Rainier

Monday - Friday 8 am to 5 pm

### Vernonia Police Department 503-429-7335

1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia

Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

### Rite Aid 503 -397-6787

785 South Columbia River Hwy

St Helens, OR 97051

### Hi School Pharmacy 503-543-6316

33454 SW Chinook Plaza

Scappoose, OR 97056

## Columbia County's FREE Sharps Container Exchange Program

**If you use sharps at home follow these easy steps to utilize the sharps container exchange program**

### 1. Enroll at any of the locations listed below:

#### **Clatskanie Rural Fire Protection District**

280 SE Third Street, Clatskanie

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00am - 4:00pm

#### **Columbia River Fire & Rescue – Rainier Station**

211 West 2nd Street, Rainier

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00 pm

#### **Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District**

12525 Highway 202, Mist

Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### **Scappoose Rural Fire District**

52751 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose

Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

#### **Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District**

555 East Bridge Street, Vernonia

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:30 pm *Call for Appt. (503) 429-8252*

#### **Columbia County Transfer Station Scale House**

1601 Railroad Avenue, St Helens

Hours: Mon-Sat 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

2. **Bring** your full sharps container back to one of the above participating **fire stations** or the **Columbia County Transfer Station for proper disposal.**

3. **Receive** a new empty container at no cost.

## Tips for Safe Medication Storage

- **Monitor:** Start by taking note of how many pills are in each of your prescription bottles or pill packets, and keep track of refills
- Store medicines in a safe location that is too high for young children to reach or see

<https://drugfree.org/article/secure-dispose-of-medicine-properly/>

<http://www.upandaway.org/resource/up-and-away-tip-sheet-2/>