

SWANCC

SWANCC provides a disposal program for prescription drug waste called the *Prescription Drug/Sharps Disposal Program* to:

- Ensure environmental safety
- Guard against potential theft associated with disposing of old medications
- For residentially-generated unused prescriptions, expired over-the-counter drugs, and needles known as “sharps”
- No commercial or institutional waste will be accepted
- No pharmaceutical controlled substances will be accepted

Visit www.swancc.org, email info@swancc.org or call SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 for participating disposal locations.



For information on recycling, special collection events or waste reduction resources such as:

Athletic Shoe Recycling

At Home Computer Recycling Pick-Up Program

“Closing the Loop” Brochure

Document Destruction Events

“Eco-Cleaning Guide”

Eco-Friendly Fashion Show

Eco-Friendly Marketplace

Glenview Transfer Station

“Green Pages” Guide

Household Chemical Waste Collections

Presentations and Workshops

“Recycling Etc.” Community Newsletter

Roll-off Rentals

SWANCC Resource Materials

“Waste Reduction Tips” Brochure

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These bottles will not age well.



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SWANCC's Disposal Program



This program is for residents that live in one of SWANCC's 23 member communities. No prescription drugs or sharps from businesses, schools or hospitals will be accepted. ID's will be checked for verification of residency.

General tips:

- Prescription drugs that are more than a year old should be disposed of properly.
- Turn in non-prescription medicines without an expiration date that are more than six months old.
- Keep pharmaceuticals in their **original containers** with labels to identify contents.
- Sharps need to be placed in a rigid container with a sealed lid. A new sharps container will be provided.

Acceptable Items:

Unused/Expired prescription medications
 Prescription cough syrup
 Prescription ear drops and eye drops
 Expired over-the-counter medications
 Residential sharps (needles/syringes)

Unacceptable Items:

Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances*
 Institutional or business waste
 Non-prescription liquids
 Household Chemical Waste

*Visit swancc.org for a list of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) regulated pharmaceuticals.

For Your Information

Dangers of medicine in the water system



Recent research conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Geological Survey found substantial amounts of antibiotics and steroidal hormones in rivers, lakes and wells from samples analyzed in 36 states. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nerlesd1/chemistry/pharma.

Dangers of needles in trash



According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, each year, 8 million people use more than 3 billion needles, syringes, and lancets, also called sharps, to manage medical conditions at home. Some sharps users throw their used needles in the trash or flush them down the toilet. Used sharps left loose among other waste can hurt sanitation workers during collection rounds, at sorting and recycling facilities and at landfills, or become lodged in equipment, forcing worker to remove them by hand.

Children, adults and even pets are also at risk for needle-stick injuries when sharps are disposed improperly at home or in public settings. For more information, visit www.epa.gov/osw.

Personal Sharps Containers



Any resident that lives in a SWANCC-member community and administers home-injections is eligible to receive a 1 quart sharps container. They need to go to the designated prescription drug drop-off site in their community to request one.

For sources of facts and information, visit www.swancc.org.

SWANCC Communities

- Arlington Heights
- Barrington
- Buffalo Grove
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Hoffman Estates
- Inverness
- Kenilworth
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Skokie
- South Barrington
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

Program may be restricted to respective community's residents only. Please visit swancc.org for a listing of participating locations.

WHAT IS IN YOUR MEDICINE CABINET?

