



SAFE OPTIONS FOR HOME NEEDLE DISPOSAL

Protect yourself, Protect others

Many people use needles, syringes and lancets (sharp) at home for administration of medications or for testing purposes. In fact, an estimated 9 million people across the country use 3 billion needles each year to manage conditions such as allergies, diabetes and blood clotting disorders

Locations:

Sharps Containers may be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:



Ripley County Health Department

102 W. 1st North Street
Versailles, IN 47042
(P) 812-689-0506
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM



Margaret Mary Health

(Front Desk)
321 Mitchell Ave.
Batesville, IN 47006
(812-933-5000
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM

Why are Used Needles Dangerous?

For the protection of yourself and others, all needles should be treated as if they carry a disease. This means they should always be placed in designated sharps containers. Used needles are dangerous because they can injure people, spread germs and spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Tetanus and Syphilis.

Safe Needle Disposal

Margaret Mary Health in partnership with the Ripley County Health Department offers free sharps containers at the locations listed to the left. When your container gets full, simply return it to the place of pick-up and receive a new container.



Always:

- ❖ Use an approved sharps container for disposal of needles.
- ❖ Bring your filled sharps containers to one of the locations on this sheet

Never:

- ❖ Use coffee cans, detergent jugs, glass, plastic bottles or other unmarked receptacles for storage or disposal.
- ❖ Put unmarked containers with needles in the trash or flush needles down the toilet.