



ISLAND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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GUIDELINES RESIDENTIAL MEDICATIONS & SHARPS DISPOSAL, 2012

The following guidelines apply to **residential** wastes only. Pharmacies, veterinary clinics and other health care providers can visit www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/pharmaceuticals/index/html or call 425-649-7000 for assistance. Please remember that it is not appropriate for health care professionals to dispose of unwanted medications down any drain!

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.

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

Mercury Thermometers Secure to prevent breakage. Deliver to any County Solid Waste facility:

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

Thanks for keeping unwanted medications out of Island County waters