



## Ford County Public Health Department

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**Ford County Public Health Department is offering Drug Disposal and Medical Sharps Take Back Program.**

**Drop off on Tuesdays and Fridays in March**

**No ID required**

**Service is free**

### **Did you know?**

- ~ Every 14 minutes, an American dies from an unintentional drug overdose
- ~ seven out of 10 people who abuse prescription drugs get them friends or family members
- ~ Flushing left over medications sends them into our rivers, streams, and waterways because wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove them
- ~ Antibiotics, anti-seizure medications, sex hormones and various other drugs can be found in our drinking water
- ~ Children, adults, and even pets are at risk for needlestick injuries when needles are disposed of improperly in public areas, such as parks
- ~ Medical sharps (needles and syringes) can injure sanitation workers during collections.

**Medicine take-back options are the best way to safely dispose of sharps and unused or expired medications.**

**FCPHD will accept sharps and medications including:**

**Needles, Syringes, Lancets, Auto injectors and Insulin Pens, and Pharmaceutical Waste such as unwanted or expired medications (pills, tablets, caplet, or capsule)**

**FCPHD will accept sharps in the following proper disposal receptacle:**

- ~ Gatorade or Soda bottles
- ~ Coffee Can (with a secure lid and preferably taped shut)
- ~ Stericycle Container

**FCPHD will not except:**

**Hydrogen Peroxide, Inhalers, Aerosol Cans, Lotions, liquids, or Ointments**