

Staying Sharp...

The *Sharps Smart* Disposal Centers were made possible through the generosity of the Mile Bluff Medical Center Auxiliary. With the Auxiliary's gift, Mile Bluff was able to purchase all of the disposal centers.

Mile Bluff Medical Center pays for the disposal of all the household sharps that are brought to the disposal center. If you would like to help our community stay 'sharps smart,' consider giving to this program. All donations will be used toward the disposal costs of the sharps.

Donation envelopes are available on the *Sharps Smart* disposal center.

All donations will ensure that our community will continue to have safe, legal, convenient and no-cost options for household sharps disposal.



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Sharps...

"Sharps" is the medical term for needles, syringes and lancets (finger-stick devices). More and more people are using these items at home to monitor or treat medical conditions.

Often times, these sharps are improperly disposed of, either being mixed in with household garbage and recyclables, or being flushed down the toilet. This poses a serious health risk to family members of sharps users, sanitation workers and recycling facility employees. Improper disposal puts these individuals at risk of having an "accidental stick."

Being poked by these used sharps puts individuals at risk for being exposed to infectious diseases such as hepatitis and HIV. Those who experience an accidental stick must receive medical attention, undergo expensive testing and endure a great deal of stress and fear related to their potential exposure to a serious disease.

The Sharps Smart Program...

To reduce the risk of accidental sticks, Mile Bluff Medical Center has established a sharps disposal program. This program is open to the community, and provides a place for proper, legal, no-cost disposal of household sharps.

Sharps Smart disposal centers are located at each of Mile Bluff's facilities, including:

- ✦ Delton Family Medical Center
- ✦ Elroy Family Medical Center
- ✦ Mile Bluff Clinic, LLP
- ✦ Mile Bluff Medical Center
- ✦ Necedah Family Medical Center
- ✦ New Lisbon Clinic

Be Sharps Smart!

To use the *Sharps Smart* Community Disposal Center:

1. Place sharps in a commercial sharps container or an empty plastic laundry detergent bottle that has a screw-on cap. Secure the cap to the bottle with strong, heavy tape. The bottles must have a capacity of 100 ounces or less to fit into the disposal center.

Do not use: coffee or other steel cans; glass bottles or jars; aluminum cans; plastic tubs, buckets, milk jugs, soda bottles, or bags

Do not: bend or break sharp or recap sharps -unless instructed otherwise by a healthcare professional

2. Take the sealed container to the *Sharps Smart* Community Disposal Center at the nearest Mile Bluff healthcare facility.
3. Attach one of the provided 'biohazard' labels to your sealed container. Drop the container into the *Sharps Smart* disposal center. Labels are available at all disposal center locations.
4. Take home a 'biohazard' label for a future sharps container.
5. For individuals unable to use this service, please contact a local pharmacy or sanitation department to find out about other sharps disposal options that are available.

