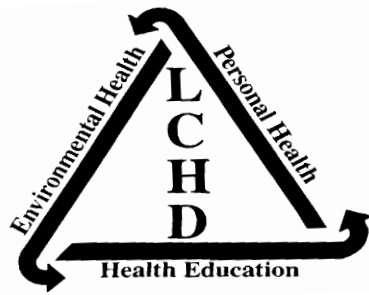


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“LaSalle County Health Department Launches Free Residential Sharps Disposal Program for Residents”

OTTAWA, IL – LaSalle County Health Department is launching the Residential Sharps Disposal Program to provide residents with a free and easy way to dispose of medical needles. This program is funded through a grant received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Residential Sharps Collection Program. The sharps disposal program aims to make sharps disposal easy and accessible for our county residents. The initial launch provides two (2) 24 hour accessible drop off kiosk locations in the County:

- **LaSalle County Health Department**

717 E. Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

- **LaSalle County Forensic Center**

520 West Walnut St.
Oglesby, IL 61348

(These kiosks will accept standard Sharps containers. This program will not accept sharps from businesses.)

How the Program Works

- ✓ **Pick up a Free Sharps Container**

Residents may pick up sharps collection containers by visiting the LaSalle County Health Department (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or the LaSalle County Forensic Center (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

- ✓ **Securing the Sharps Container**

The sharps containers are quart size and can hold about 36 one cc syringes, the most common needle size. Residents should insert the sharps point-first into the container and secure the lid.

- ✓ **Disposing the Sharps**

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Residents may dispose of the sealed sharps container at either kiosk at their convenience. If you are using a personal container and your container does not fit into the kiosk, please drop off your secured container at LaSalle County Health Department during normal business hours. Both the sharp container and disposal are free to residents, and no appointment is necessary.

For questions, please contact the LaSalle County Health Department at 815-433-3366 or the LaSalle County Forensic Center at 815-434-8268.

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