



ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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To protect, nurture, and advance
the health of our community

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Sharps and Prescription Medication Disposal Event

Dispose of your **medical sharps** on **Saturday, October 28th, 2023** at the **Oneida County Solid Waste Department** (7450 County HWY K, Rhinelander) from **10 AM to 2 PM**. Sharps must be packaged safely and will ONLY be accepted at the Oneida County Solid Waste Department.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, it is important to never put sharp medical items in the trash, recycling, or medication collection drop boxes. Medical sharps (such as needles, syringes and lancets) pose a risk for injury and exposure to diseases for anyone who comes in contact with them. It is important to properly package and dispose of all sharps. For more information on safe disposal of household sharps, go to <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/HealthWaste/HouseholdSharps.html>.

In addition, various locations throughout Oneida County will be accepting unused or expired medications on this date during the statewide **Prescription Drug Take Back Day**. Drug disposal is confidential.

Drug Take Back locations include (Open October 28th from 10 AM to 2 PM):

- Rhinelander Police Department
- Three Lakes Police Department
- Minocqua Police Department
- Oneida County Solid Waste Department (County Highway K)

Unused medications create unnecessary risk. Properly disposing of prescription painkillers helps keep them out of the hands of youth. You should never flush or drain your unused prescription medications. Together, we can help prevent prescription painkiller abuse and addiction. To find more drug disposal locations in your area, go to <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm>.

For more information on the Drug and Sharps Take Back Day Event, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 715-369-6111.

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Monday – Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

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Oneida County to a healthy and equitable future*