

MEDICAL SHARPS

Self-administering of doctor prescribed medication at home sometimes leaves the homeowner with a disposal issue if the treatment requires the use of syringes with disposable needles or lancets (commonly referred to as medical sharps). Please check with your doctor prior to using any medical sharps for their safe disposal.

If you dispose of medical sharps with your household trash, please place them in a puncture proof container (such as a coffee can or heavy duty detergent container), secure the lid or cap and label "Medical Sharps." Medical sharps can also be dropped off at one of the Macomb County drop-off centers. For more information please contact the Macomb County Health Department at 586.466.7823.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS & HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

We cannot accept any hazardous chemicals that the USEPA considers dangerous and that can catch fire, react or explode when mixed with other substances or if it is corrosive or toxic during the normal weekly collection schedule. This may include: Ammunition, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, gasoline, lacquers, oils, or any other product labeled dangerous, flammable, combustible, poisonous or corrosive.

Disposal of hazardous chemicals with your regular household trash is strictly prohibited. Liquid, powder and/or granular substances, when placed in a plastic bag or carts, could catch fire, cause an explosion, burn or spray when it is compacted into our vehicles or mix with other products and cause serious injury and even fatalities. Please read all directions and precautions prior to use.

Whenever you need to discard containers and/or products leftover, please read all warnings and dispose of according to the manufactures recommendations.

Please contact the Macomb County Health Department at 586.466.7923, option #5, for proper disposal of household hazard waste material.

BULKY WASTE-APPLIANCES & FURNITURE

The collection of large bulky waste, such as appliances and furniture, will continue to be part of your solid waste program. You may set out large bulky items on your regular scheduled service day for collection. You may also call our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900 if you wish to schedule a pickup.

Please place large bulky items out separate from other products for collection and have out by 7:00A.M. Large items may include: washers, dryers, freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water tanks, stoves, microwaves, couches, chairs, tables, dressers and other large items.

FYI: Please remove the doors and racks from refrigerators and freezers prior to setting out for collection. Also, it is the contractor's responsibility to make sure Freon is extracted according to current environmental standards.

SAFETY

PORCELAIN PRODUCTS: Porcelain products can cause serious injury when broken and placed out for collection. If you do have a porcelain product, such as a toilet, sink or tub, and it is broken, please beware and take adequate precautions. Whenever possible, please tape cardboard over the sharp edges and mark accordingly.

BROKEN GLASS: If you need to dispose of broken glass, please wrap in several layers of newspaper and mark "Broken Glass Enclosed." **Please never place broken glass or other sharp objects in plastic bags.*

TRAVEL TIPS: We all share the roadways we travel. Please be extremely careful when approaching one of our trucks, slow down and expect the unexpected. The safety of our employees, customers and the general public is of the utmost importance. We have a zero tolerance for unsafe acts by our employees. If you experience any difficulties, please contact our Customer Care Center at 866.772.8900.

LATEX PAINT: Latex paint can be disposed of with your regular household trash if dried or solidified as follows before you set it out at the point of collection. If you only have a small amount of paint left, you can allow it to dry out. Find an area protected from children, pets and the weather but with adequate ventilation. Remove the lid and allow the paint to dry. This works well for small quantities, such as an inch or two. When the paint is thoroughly dry, the remaining hardened material can be placed in your solid waste container. Please leave the lid off so we can see the paint has hardened. For large quantities or partially full cans, mix in equal amounts of absorbent material such as sand, oil dry or cat litter to solidify the paint prior to collection and disposal.

Please remember: Do not dump paint or any other type of hazardous chemicals on the ground, down a storm drain, or sanitary sewer where it can travel directly to surface and/or ground water or any waterway.