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For Immediate Release

“Syringe Drop Off Site”

Ottawa, IL - - LaSalle County Health Department will be hosting a syringe drop off at our location 717 Etna Road, Ottawa, IL on August 6th and 7th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This two day event will provide the community an opportunity to safely dispose of any used syringes they may have.

Every year millions of people throughout the country use billions of needles, syringes, and lancets – also called sharps – to manage medical conditions at home. Finding ways to safely dispose of used medical sharps is an important public health priority.

- Medical sharps may be placed in either a medical sharps container purchased from a pharmacy or health care provider, or in a heavy-plastic or metal container.
- Household containers, such as plastic detergent bottles, can be used if heavy duty tape is used to secure the lid to the container and the words “Do Not Recycle” are written on the container with a permanent marker.
- Never place the container in the recycle bin.
- The container should also be puncture-proof with a tight-fitting lid.
- Please refrain from using a clear or glass container.
- Please do not overfill the containers.
- Please keep the containers out of reach from children and pets.

Residents who drop off their syringe containers will each receive a new container provided by the Health Department free of charge. When that Health Department labeled container is full we will then accept it back for disposal. For more information or questions regarding safe needle disposal you can contact the LaSalle County Health Department at (815)433-3366 or visit our website at www.lasallecounty.org.

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