

## Medication Disposal in Barry County

The semi-annual Barry County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event is a great opportunity to properly dispose of unused, expired, and unwanted medications in Barry County, but other options are available year-round as well! Barry County has nine (9) permanent medication disposal locations, as well as two (2) locations to dispose of sharps (needles and syringes). It is important to dispose of medications properly so they do not negatively affect public health or the environment. Never flush medications down the toilet or down any other drain. Many medications contain substances that do not break down in a septic system or wastewater treatment plant and end up in our groundwater, lakes, rivers, and streams, ie. our drinking water.

In addition to the HHW event, medications can be disposed of at the Barry County Sheriff's Department at both the Hastings and Middleville locations, Hastings City Police Department, Nashville Village Police Department, Barry Township Police Department, Pharmacy Care in Middleville, Delton Family Pharmacy, Hastings Pharmacy, and Maple Valley Pharmacy. Sharps can be taken to Clearstream Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Hastings and the Michigan Career and Technical Institute, Health Institute in Plainwell. Visit the Sharps and Medical Waste page on [www.barrycountyclecycling.org](http://www.barrycountyclecycling.org) for more information.

### 2022 Fall Household Hazardous Waste and Scrap Tire Collection Event

Bring your household hazardous waste, medications, scrap tires, and electronics to the Barry Expo Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 17th. A full list of accepted items can be found at [www.barrycountyclecycling.org](http://www.barrycountyclecycling.org). Medications should be in their original containers with the name of the drug clearly labeled. Be sure to cross out any personal information on the containers. This scrap tire collection is provided to the county at no cost this fall, thanks to a Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) grant. Limit ten (10) tires per vehicle. All TVs will have a disposal charge ranging from \$5 to \$30 depending on type and size. See the table below for the price breakdown. Cash or check only, please. All other electronics will be accepted for free! Please take electronics out of containers and remove any packaging. No freon-containing items will be accepted.

CRT (Tube/Box)		LED/LCD (Flat Screen)	
Under 25"	\$10	25" or less	\$5
25" - 55"	\$20	Over 25"	\$10
Over 55"	\$30		

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