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LA PORTE COUNTY TRIAD – LA PORTE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE ENCOURAGES PUBLIC TO DISPOSE OF SHARPS AT UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

The La Porte County Sheriff’s Office and La Porte County TRIAD are asking the public to dispose of any needles, syringes and sharps at the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste collection that will be held on Saturday, August 23 from 9 am until 2 pm at the La Porte County Fair Grounds. The hazardous waste collection is open to all La Porte County residents and the fairgrounds is located at 2581 West State Road 2, La Porte.

The Sheriff’s Office has had a recent influx of needles and syringes being disposed of in the lobby and to reduce the hazard of staff handling them, the public is encouraged to cap the needles and place them in an empty plastic detergent bottle and dispose of them during one of the seven (7) hazardous waste collections that are held each year by the La Porte County Solid Waste District. In addition, the Solid Waste District provides free hazard stickers for those bottles warning others of the contents.

The La Porte County Sheriff’s Office, La Porte Police and Michigan City Police departments are members of TRIAD which is an organization that consists of law enforcement, senior citizens and County service organizations that is focused on reducing crimes against vulnerable and senior citizens. In addition, TRIAD coordinates Project Lifesaver, beacon lights, and a speaker’s bureau that promotes safety and wellness for seniors and endangered adults.

Pill drop boxes are located in the lobbies of the Sheriff’s Office and La Porte and Michigan City Police departments and are accessible twenty-four hours a day. The boxes provide a means for citizens to dispose of unused and unwanted medicines and prevent them from entering the environment in landfills and water systems. The drop boxes also help to prevent experimentation, addiction, overdose and death.

TRIAD reminds the public that only solid medicines can be accepted and liquids and injectables can be disposed of in cat litter or coffee grounds and then placed in a trash receptacle, as this is an approved method endorsed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA.)

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