

FIRE SAFETY FOLLOW UP

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Red Emergency Folders – These red folders are important to have ready in your home in case of an emergency. Each one contains a list of what should be included in the folder. There should be one for each person with a picture on the front to reduce confusion. Fire rescue and EMTs will look for the folder on your refrigerator. You can get a folder or card to update at the Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors table at the monthly community meetings.

Captain David Coe also sent the following information:

Below you will find some information that members of Crestwood Village asked about, as well as some additional information on the proper way to dispose of medications, and “sharps”.

Fire Extinguisher Disposal - Fire extinguishers are not allowed to be dropped off at the household hazardous waste drop-off event. **To dispose of fire extinguishers please contact Westminster Fire Extinguisher Service (in Frederick) at 301-662-8516. Westminster Fire Extinguisher accepts fire extinguishers and will dispose of them for a fee.**

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors - Both are recommended for your home. The Fire and Rescue Services will install up to two smoke detectors in your home if you do not have them.

Residential KnoxBox. – This box is useful to keep your house key in when there is an emergency. Captain Cox stated that they are not always able to call for your house code if you registered it and recommends the KnoxBox as a safer option. Only the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services has a key to open the KnoxBox. Instructions to order the KnoxBox “HomeBox” are below. The initial cost appears to be \$191.00. You can put it over your door so there is minimal damage done to your house. The KnoxBox Website is www.knoxbox.com. There is also an embedded link in the instructions below.

Direct From Knox

Each product is manufactured as a build-to-order shipment when purchasing direct from Knox. At checkout, you will receive an update on when the order will ship - typically 5 to 7 days after purchase.

Best Option For:

- A local Knox Trusted Partner is not available in your area ([view trusted partner map](#))
- Customers that are purchasing products for shipment to multiple jurisdictions
- Future installations that do not require immediate possession
- In-person support or installation services are not required

How to Buy

To purchase products, click on the red 'BUY' button and follow the prompts. Purchasing parameters are set by each individual authority having jurisdiction. Depending on their rules, customers may be required to complete an authorization order form, or receive an eApproval for their purchase. To ensure you are adhering to local policies follow the steps outlined below.

- **Step 1:** Click on the red 'BUY' button, or Select 'Begin Order' (below)
- **Step 2: Select the state** where the product will be installed and enter the corresponding authority having jurisdiction for this area
- **Step 3: Choose the jurisdiction** and program that serves the address where the installation will occur
- **Step 4: Select product(s), input installation address**, acknowledge alerts, and add item(s) to cart
- **Step 5:** Complete the checkout process

BEGIN ORDER (Embedded Link Hold Ctrl and click on Begin Order)

- Your Location: Please select MARYLAND
- LOCAL Fire DEPARTMENT: Frederick Co Dept Fire/Rescue
- Click Search
- Frederick Co Dept Fire/Rescue
 - Frederick, MD
 - Residential Use Only – HomeBoxes
- Click Select
- Click on “Residential KnoxBoxes”
- Residential KnoxBoxes: Knox HomeBox
 - Cost \$191.00

[Product - Knox Rapid Access System \(knoxbox.com\)](#)

For more detailed instructions, [view the Knox Buying Guide.](#)

NOTE: Pre-authorization may be required after placing an order. The approval process doesn't require further action from the purchaser. Also, to ensure you can use and access the features on this website, you need to use [an up-to-date web browser.](#)

Notice: FedEx is currently experiencing delivery delays in certain areas due to reduced operating hours.

If assistance placing an order is required, please contact our customer service team at **800-552-5669** or info@knoxbox.com.

Medicine Disposal -Do not flush or dump medicines! There are drop-off boxes for proper disposal of pharmaceuticals, located in Wal-Mart, CVS and Walgreen's pharmacies, as well as:

Emmitsburg Community Center (8am - 4:30pm)
2nd Floor, 300 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

Frederick Police Department (24 hrs)
110 West Patrick Street, Frederick

Thurmont Police Department (8am - 4pm)
800 Main St., Thurmont

Frederick Law Enforcement Center (24 hrs)
110 Airport Drive E., Frederick 21701

Brunswick Police Department (24 hrs)
20 E. A St., Brunswick

Middletown Municipal Center (8am - 4pm)
31 W. Main St., Middletown

Mount Airy Police Department
205 Center St., Mt. Airy

Urbana Pharmacy
3420 Worthington Blvd., Frederick 21704

Household “Sharps” (Needle) Disposal -

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/4915/SharpsSyringe-Disposal>

Improperly disposing of sharps used at home can pose a public health risk. If not properly secured, discarded needles may expose your trash collection crew and other waste workers to potential needle-stick injuries and potential infection.

There are three main routes for handling needles and syringes: return/exchange, disposal in an FDA-approved container, or, disposal in a sturdy, alternative container:

Needle Drop Off Locations - Specialized containers may be purchased that allow you to mail or drop off needles at designated private collection centers. For a list of companies that provide this service, please call 1-800-643-1643 or visit the [Safe Needle Disposal](#) website. Patients using sharps may also find assistance with exchange or disposal through their primary care physician and may want to ask their doctor’s office whether this service is offered.

FDA-Cleared Sharps Containers - The FDA recommends that used needles and other sharps be immediately placed in FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers. FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers are generally available through pharmacies, medical supply companies, health care providers, and online.

Alternative Disposal Containers - Frederick County residents may also simply place used needles and syringes inside a sturdy, rigid plastic container (not soft or thin plastic, such as a milk jug or water bottle, which might be punctured) with a narrow opening and tight-fitting lid; good examples would include laundry detergent containers or bleach bottles. Mark the container

"SHARPS". When it is full, tape the container securely shut and place it in your household trash for regular disposal.

Close your door when sleeping – It is recommended you close your bedroom door when you go to bed to sleep or take a nap. Lives have been safe when a resident has closed their bedroom door to sleep or take a nap and there was a fire in the home.