



Proper Disposal of Sharps/Needles

Used sharps (needles) are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly, they can cut and infect others. Protect your community by always discarding your used sharps in a safe manner.

Use an empty household container with these features:

- Stays upright
- Tight-fitting lid that cannot be punctured
- Made of heavy-duty plastic
- Does not leak
 - Do **NOT** use (these containers puncture easily):
 - Milk container
 - Water bottle
 - Glass container
 - Soda can

Discarding a household container:

- Close lid and tape shut. Label the container “Sharps Biohazard.”
- Put the container in center of full trash bag and discard in regular trash. Please follow your community guidelines for sharps disposal.
- Do NOT put sharps in recycling.

Keep your community safe:

- Do NOT throw loose sharps in the trash.
- Do NOT put sharps in recycling.
- Do NOT flush sharps down the toilet.
- Keep out of reach of children.