

DO's and DON'Ts with Safe Disposal of Needles and Sharps

DO

- If possible, use an FDA approved Sharps container.
- Place used needles and sharps in a sealed container to avoid danger from loose sharps.
- Keep needles, sharps, and disposal containers away from children and pets.
- Call your local trash removal service to learn of disposal programs nearby.

Creating your own SHARPS container (if necessary)



Bottle cap should be secured at all times!

Make sure containers are:

- Leak-proof
- Puncture-resistant

Examples include:

Detergent Jug, Bleach Bottle, 2 liter Bottle
Coffee can (IF lid is secure)

DON'T

- Overfill your container. When you have filled 75% of your container, screw the cap on firmly.
- Throw individual needles/ sharps in trash.
- Flush needles/sharps down the toilet.

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