

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

DO

- If possible, use an FDA approved Sharps container.
- Place used needles/sharps in 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 or Health Department to learn of disposal programs nearby.
- Follow community rules for disposing sharps containers.

DON'T

- Throw needles/sharps in trash.
- Put needles/sharps in recycling bins.
- Flush needles/sharps down the toilet.
- Remove needles without proper needle clipper.



Creating your own SHARPS container (if necessary)

Make sure containers are:

- Leak-proof
- Puncture-resistant

Make sure bottle cap is secure at all times!

Examples include:

Detergent Bottles, Bleach Bottles, 2 liter Bottles
Coffee cans (IF lid is secure)



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