

Getting rid of your syringes safely is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

1. Put used sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) into a sharps container after you use them.



NEVER throw out loose sharps.

2. Purchase sharps containers from a pharmacy or online or follow these directions to make your own:

- Use a plastic bottle that cannot be broken or poked through and has a screw on cap. A laundry detergent bottle works well.
- Label the container “Contains Sharps. Do NOT recycle.”
- Keep the container closed and store it away from children and pets
- When the container is almost full, close the cap and tape it closed

3. Take the container to a hospital or nursing home, or use the information below to find other places that collect used sharps:

NEVER put containers of sharps in the recycling bin or trash.



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