

STAY SMART ABOUT SHARPS



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Simple steps for sharps disposal on your own.

Dispose of your sharps the **SAFE** way.



1

SELECT CONTAINER

Use a rigid, heavy-duty plastic container with a screw top (e.g., detergent bottle).



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LABEL

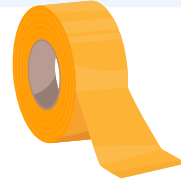
Clearly label the container "CAUTION: SHARPS. DO NOT RECYCLE!"



3

FILL

Carefully place used sharps inside, needle side down, until the container is 3/4 full.



4

SEAL

Screw on the cap and duct tape the top so it cannot be removed.



5

DISPOSE

Dispose in your trash. Do not recycle.

Each year, U.S. households discard about 3 billion medical “sharps,” including disposable needles, syringes and lancets. When trashed or flushed, they can injure or infect the public, hospitality workers and sanitation personnel. They also cost taxpayers millions of dollars in maintenance problems when they jam recycling and waste management equipment. Help safeguard your home and community by disposing of sharps responsibly; never put loose sharps in the trash, recycling or toilet.



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