

How to Dispose of Syringes

Protect yourself, your family and the community



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Local pharmacies sell syringe disposal containers with pre-paid mail-back option.



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More information at
www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org
www.FDA.gov



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Place needles and syringes in a hard plastic or metal container with a tightly secured lid (Ex. Laundry-detergent or bleach bottles). Seal the container and reinforce the lid with heavy-duty tape. Label the container "syringes", "sharps", or "needles". Dispose of the sealed container in the household trash. (see City restrictions)



- DON'T throw loose needles and other sharps into the trash.
- DON'T flush needles and other sharps down the toilet.
- DON'T put needles and other sharps in your recycling bin - they are not recyclable.
- DON'T try to remove, bend, break, or recap needles used by another person.