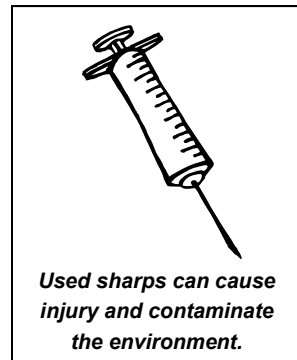


Medical Sharps Disposal

Medical sharps include needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp objects. As a user of home medical sharps, it is important to properly dispose of them in a responsible manner. Consider one of the following options:



- Look into a medical sharps mail back program. Go to www.safeneedledisposal.org for recommendations and links, or search the internet for “medical sharps mail back.”
- Collect sharps in a puncture-proof hard plastic or metal container with a screw-on or tightly secured lid. Many containers found in the household, such as liquid laundry detergent bottles or metal coffee cans, will do, or you may purchase containers specifically designed for sharps collection. **Do not put sharp objects in any container you plan to recycle or return to a store, and do not use glass or clear plastic containers.** To dispose of the container once it is full, you may choose one of the following:
 - 1) Bring to a local Household Hazardous Waste Collection ([click here for information on dates and locations](#)) or
 - 2) Reinforce the lid with heavy tape, label “Not Recyclable” and place container in your regular trash.

It is also recommended that you place soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and medical gloves in securely fastened plastic bags prior to disposal.

