



SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL

Dispose of sharps by using a household container or an FDA approved sharps container.

| FDA APPROVED SHARPS CONTAINER | HOUSEHOLD SHARPS CONTAINER |
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| <p>Use an FDA approved sharps container for proper disposal of needles, lancets, or pen needles.</p>  <p>FDA sharps containers for use at home and travel are available at pharmacies or online.</p> | <p>Use an empty, thick plastic laundry soap bottle with a screw on lid.</p>  <p>Tape container shut with heavy duty tape when the bottle is $\frac{3}{4}$ full at most.</p> |

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| Do | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Do put the needle end in first immediately after use ✓ Do keep the lid on at all times ✓ Do keep all sharps disposal containers out of reach of children and pets ✓ Do take a portable sharps disposal container with you when you travel ✓ Do follow your community rules for getting rid of your container ✓ Do follow directions for disposal as explained on FDA sharps container |
| Do NOT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Do NOT throw loose needles and sharps in the trash ✗ Do NOT flush needles and sharps down the toilet ✗ Do NOT put needles and sharps in the recycling bin ✗ Do NOT put needles and sharps in a clear or thin plastic container ✗ Do NOT put needles and sharps in a glass or aluminum container ✗ Do NOT remove, bend, break-off or recap needles and sharps |