

HOW TO:

SAFELY DISPOSE OF SHARPS

Safe disposal is quick and easy, and here is what you can do to safely and properly dispose of **needles, syringes and other medical sharps** to protect yourself and your community.

1
Safely place used needles and syringes **POINT SIDE DOWN** into a sealable and puncture-resistant container.



Recommended Containers:

- Sharps disposal container
- Empty laundry detergent bottles
- Peanut butter jars
- Jumbo pretzel containers

- ✓ At least 2 inches of space from the top of container
- ✓ Use duct tape to seal if there is potential for opening

2
Label the container clearly and boldly:

**NON-RECYCLABLE
MEDICAL WASTE**



3
Once you are ready to dispose, secure the lid tightly.

Throw container into

TRASH



DO NOT
put needles in
recycling bins or
toilets



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