

How to Safely Get Rid of Used Sharps

Use a sharps container

- ✓ A sharps container is the safest option to dispose of sharps and items that might have blood on them, such as used syringes, cookers, filters, and pipes.
- ✓ Hard sides prevent accidental pokes.
- ✓ Get personal sharps containers for free from harm reduction sites.



If you don't have access to a sharps container - use another safe container

- ✓ Use an empty hard plastic container like a shampoo or bleach bottle.
- ✓ Take the container to a health unit, harm reduction site, or pharmacy for disposal.
- ✓ If you can't go to one of these sites, close the lid and put it in a secure garbage.
- ✗ Do not recycle containers once they have been used for disposing sharps.
- ✗ Do not use recyclable containers like pop bottles or cans. Someone might try to recycle them or return them for deposit.

