

SAFELY STORE SHARPS

What do I do with used sharps?

WHAT ARE SHARPS?

Sharps may include things like:

- Needles
- Syringes
- Staples
- Glass tubes & bottles
- IV catheters
- Razors
- Scissors
- Knives

HOW DO I SAFELY STORE USED SHARPS?

The best option is to store used sharps in a sharps/biohazard container.

You can also make your own by following these directions:

1. Find a clean, opaque, hard plastic container with a screw-on lid. A used laundry detergent or bleach bottle is a great choice.
2. Put sharps in the container uncapped, needle first.
3. Label the bottle "Do not recycle. Household sharps" and store out of reach of children and pets.
4. Fill the container about 2/3 of the way so that the lid still fits tightly on top.

NOW WHAT?

When your container is 2/3 full, you have a few options:

- Bring full containers to a Drug Take-Back Day.
- Bring full containers to a local pharmacy that accepts them such as Schmidt & Sons or Hudson Pharmacy.
- Seal full containers with heavy-duty tape and throw them away.



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