

# DISPOSE OF SHARPS SAFELY!

WHAT ARE SHARPS? NEEDLES | SYRINGES | LANCETS | AUTO INJECTORS

WHY? REDUCES ACCIDENTAL NEEDLE STICKS & THE SPREAD OF DISEASE



## Steps to Safe Disposal



Dispose of sharps in a **personal sharps disposal container**.

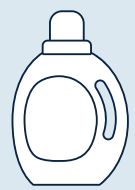
- When contents have reached 'full' line, lock container per disposal instructions and place in household trash.

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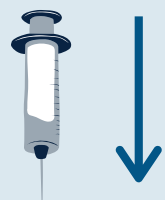


Bring sharps to a **sharps disposal collection location**.

or



Use a thick walled **plastic container** with a tight sealing cap (laundry detergent jug, milk carton, and bleach bottles work best).



Place sharps **down point-first** into puncture-proof, leak resistant container.



Combine sharps with **inedible substances** like coffee grounds or compost.



Clearly **mark container** as "used sharps - do not recycle."



When full, cap container with lid and **duct tape shut**.



**Dispose** of the container in your household items trash bin.

or



**Dispose at your local transfer station** in the red bins labeled sharps.

Contact the Idaho Harm Reduction Project at **208-991-4574** or [www.idahoharmreductionproject.org](http://www.idahoharmreductionproject.org) for a free, personal sharps container. Supplies mailed discretely and directly to your residence.



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