

Be Safe with Needles



- ❌ Do not put loose needles and lancets in trash cans.
 - ❌ Do not put needles or lancets in glass jars, coffee cans, aluminum cans or clear or thin plastic containers.
 - ❌ Do not flush needles or lancets down the toilet.
- Keep needles and lancets away from children and animals.

Be Safe with Disposal

If you use a red sharps container

Check with your local health department for community disposal programs. Some pharmacies and health care providers have collection stations or know of mail-back disposal programs. These are the safest ways to dispose of used needles.



If you do not use a red sharps container

- Use ONLY an empty thick plastic laundry detergent bottle. (Currently allowed in Texas)
- Label the container “Sharps: Do Not Recycle.”
- Keep lid on at all times.
- Put the needle end in first.
- When ½ full, seal lid with strong tape.
- Place your sharps container in curb garbage can.