

# Keep Our Community Safe and Use a Sharps Container.



Sharp objects include syringes, needles, lancets, scalpels, and infusion needle sets, which if not discarded properly can cut or infect others. Protect your community by always discarding used sharps in a sharps disposal container. Free sharps containers may be available through your doctor, hospital, health insurance or medication supplier. You can also buy one from your pharmacist or online.

## Why is it important to dispose of Sharps properly?

Safe disposal of sharps is so important to not only your health and safety, but it also protects the environment. Following guidelines for proper disposal of sharps protects people from injury and transmission of blood borne diseases due to needle sticks.

## What type of container should I use?

The FDA recommends used needles and other sharps be immediately placed in FDA-cleared sharps disposal containers.

If an FDA-cleared container is not available, use a heavy-duty plastic household container as an alternative. The container should be leak-resistant, remain upright during use and have a tight fitting, puncture-resistant lid, like a plastic laundry detergent container.



## When sharps container is 3/4 full, it's time to dispose of it properly.

### Locations accepting sharps containers:

- **Local Hospitals and Nursing Homes** accept sharps. Contact your local facility in advance for drop off instructions.
- **Other places accepting sharps:**
  - Silver Creek Pediatrics - 194 Central Ave, Silver Creek - during normal business hours.
  - Seneca Nation Health System - 36 Thomas Indian School Dr, Irving - 24/7
  - Lakewood Busti Police Department - 20 West Summit St, Lakewood - 24/7
  - Jamestown Police Department - 201 E 2nd St, Jamestown - 24/7



**DO NOT** throw sharps in trash, recycling or flush down the toilet. Keep out of children's reach.



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