# **SHARPS**

### Disposal



#### **ALWAYS USE A SHARPS CONTAINER**

Used sharps are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly, they can cut and infect others. Protect your community by always discarding your used sharps in a sharps disposal container.

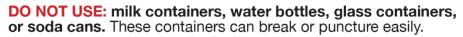
FREE sharps containers may be available from your doctor, hospital, health insurance, or medication supplier. You can also buy a sharps container from your pharmacist or online.



## IF YOU CANNOT GET AN FDA-CLEARED SHARPS CONTAINER, FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

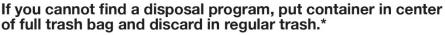
Use an empty household container with these features:

- · Stays upright
- · Made of heavy-duty plastic
- · Tight-fitting lid that cannot be punctured
- · Does not leak





- 1. Close lid and tape shut. Label container.
- 2. Bring container to a sharps disposal program.



\*In some areas, it is illegal to dispose of sharps in the trash. Please follow your community quidelines.



### **ALWAYS REMEMBER**

- DO NOT throw loose sharps in trash
- DO NOT put sharps in recycling
- DO NOT flush sharps down toilet
- KEEP OUT of reach of children

For information about rules and laws in your community, contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at: 800-643-1643.

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