



Proper Disposal of Used Needles and Syringes in the Home

1. Avoid recapping needles.

2. Place in a *heavy-duty, puncture resistant* container:

- plastic detergent bottle
- empty bleach bottle
- sharps container from your pharmacy

3. Add one teaspoon of bleach.

4. Secure lid with duct tape; write “Medical Waste” in permanent ink.

5. Dispose in trash—not with recyclables.

Never use coffee cans, milk jugs, or glass containers for needle disposal!



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