



DISPOSAL OF NEEDLES



Always dispose of needles in a FDA sharp container, but some may not have access to these bins.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT CONTAINER



- Select a rigid, puncture-resistant plastic container with a tight-fitting lid such as empty laundry detergent bottles or heavy-duty plastic containers.
- AVOID flimsy containers such as milk jugs or plastic bags, which are easily punctured.

LABEL THE CONTAINER

- Clearly mark the container with “SHARPS- DO NOT RECYCLE” to indicate it contains used needles.
- This helps to prevent accidental injuries and ensures proper handling during disposal.



SEAL THE CONTAINER

- Once the container is full, securely seal the lid with strong tape to prevent any needles from escaping.



DISPOSE OF THE CONTAINER

- Place the sealed container in your household trash.
- However, you should also check your local regulations regarding needle disposal. Some areas have drop-off locations.



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