

About NeedyMeds

NeedyMeds is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit information resource for healthcare financial assistance programs. Its mission is to educate and empower those seeking affordable healthcare. Visit its website at NeedyMeds.org.

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In California,
safety is
the point.



SafeNeedleDisposal.org

*Your source for information & resources
on safe needle disposal*

In California, containers of used sharps cannot be placed in the household trash.

1. Place used sharps in a strong, plastic container, like a laundry detergent or bleach bottle;



2. Seal the container with duct tape and label, "DO NOT RECYCLE;"



3. Use the ZIP Code search on www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org to locate container disposal options near you.



What are sharps?



"Sharps" are devices with points or edges that can puncture or cut skin. Sharps may be used at home, at work, and while traveling to manage your medical conditions.

Types of sharps include:

- Needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Auto injectors
- Infusion sets
- Connection needles/sets

No matter where you are:

- Sharps should never be thrown loosely into the trash or toilet.
- Sharps should never be recycled.
- Sharps that retract after use, or are very small, should be disposed of like all other sharps.

About us

Safely and legally disposing of used needles or sharps may be different depending on where you are. SafeNeedleDisposal.org, a project of NeedyMeds, is a one-stop shop for people to learn how to get rid of used sharps safely.

Site visitors simply click on their state or enter their ZIP Code from the homepage and are instantly directed to localized disposal information.

Also available are posters and other educational resources that help people learn how to properly dispose of used sharps.

