**What to Do with Used Sharps in California**

*Sharps* refer to: needles, syringes, lancets, auto injectors, including epinephrine and insulin pens, infusion sets, and connection needles/sets.

Check [www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org](http://www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org) for local guidance on sharps disposal in California.

Put used sharps in a strong, plastic container.

When the container is 3/4 full, put the lid on, seal it with duct tape, and label **DO NOT RECYCLE**.

Use the ZIP Code search on [www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org](http://www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org) to locate container disposal options near you.

Containers of used sharps cannot be placed in the household trash in California.

*Regulations are specific to the state of California. How you dispose of used sharps safely may be different, depending on where you live. Visit [www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org](http://www.SafeNeedleDisposal.org) to find regulations on your state.*
Container Options for Used Sharps

**FDA-Cleared Containers**

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**Strong, Plastic Containers**

- A strong, plastic container—like an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle—may also be used.

Used sharps must be placed in a strong, plastic container to be disposed of safely. There are many types of containers available. If you do not have a container made specifically to hold used sharps, a strong, plastic container—like an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle—may also be used.

Visit SafeNeedleDisposal.org and click on California to learn more.