Used sharps must be placed in a strong, plastic container to be disposed of safely at a container disposal location near you. There are many types of containers available. Some are made specifically to hold used sharps, and may be provided with new sharps, by a healthcare professional, or purchased at a pharmacy or online. 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.

How you dispose of used sharps safely may be different, depending on where you are. Visit SafeNeedleDisposal.org and click on your state to learn more.