

CREATE YOUR OWN SHARPS CONTAINER

Create a safe disposal container from an empty bottle with these features:

- Tight-fitting lid
- Made of strong plastic that cannot be punctured
- Can stand upright on its own



Avoid touching or breaking sharps when filling the container and keep it away from children or pets.

- When the container is almost full, bring it to a safe disposal location or seal the lid with strong tape and dispose of it in the household trash.
- Do not put uncontained sharps into the trash.
- Do not put sharps in the recycling.



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PREVENTION

SHARPS AND LIQUIDS SAFE DISPOSAL

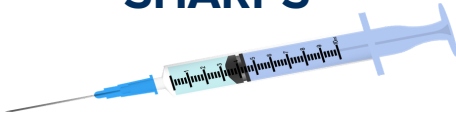


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SHARPS



COLLECTION + STORAGE

- Use a container made for sharps.
 - Create your own sharps container using instructions on the back.
- Safely collect your sharps in the container.
- Keep it out of reach of children and pets.

SAFE DISPOSAL

- Dispose of your container at a specific sharps collection site or in household trash.
- Visit safeneedledisposal.org to find a disposal location near you.
- Contact your local government office and ask about household hazardous waste collection events.
- Contact your trash service and ask about your container pick-up.

**DO NOT THROW AWAY NEEDLES
DIRECTLY INTO THE TRASH.**

**SAFE STORAGE +
DISPOSAL
INITIATIVE**



**FIND DISPOSAL SITES
NEAR YOU**



LIQUIDS

COLLECTION + STORAGE

- Keep the liquid medication in its original container.
- Store it out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep medication locked if possible.



SAFE DISPOSAL

- Take the container to a disposal site.
 - Use the QR code to find a location.
- Ask the pharmacy for an opioid disposal solution when you pick up the prescription.
- Use home disposal options such as a deactivation bag or medication mail-back envelope.
- Use your trash as a last resort:
 - Mix liquid medication with used coffee grounds or kitty litter in a bag and throw away.
 - Take personal information off of the prescription label before disposal.

**DO NOT FLUSH MEDICATIONS
DOWN THE TOILET.**