



Proper Disposal of Sharps

There is a special category of medical waste known as **sharps**. These include any item with pointy or sharp edges that can puncture the skin. They are considered bio-hazardous medical waste because they are likely to have blood on them. **It's extra important that sharps are disposed of correctly!**

Simply placed all SHARPS in a box called a “Sharps Container”. You can get approved bio-hazard containers from your pharmacist and return the container to pharmacist when full to get a new one.

Here are some examples of sharps:

- Auto-injectors
- Injection pens
- Injectors
- Lancets (diabetes needles)
- Needles
- Prefilled pens
- Syringes



Never put any sharps in your garbage, recycling, or organics bin.



Never flush any sharps down your toilet.



Never re-cap needles — you could accidentally prick yourself.

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For more information, visit www.healthsteward.ca

Learn about the Ontario Sharps Return Program (OSRP) which is an easy way to dispose of any sharps you may have in your home.