

## RECOMMENDED PRETREATMENT:

Prior to disposal,  
disinfect your sharps  
with a solution of  
1 teaspoon of bleach  
in 1/2 gallon of water.



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# SHARPS DISPOSAL

*Safe Disposal of Home  
Health Care Wastes*



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# How to Safely Dispose of your Sharps

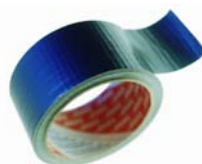


Home Health Care Wastes primarily consist of used “sharps” such as: needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects. You can help prevent injury, illness and pollution by following some simple steps when disposing of these wastes in your normal household trash.

1. Place all sharps in a puncture-resistant hard plastic or metal container. Use an empty detergent bottle with a screw-on cap or an empty coffee can.



2. Close the container with its original lid and secure with heavy duty tape.



3. Place the tightly sealed container RIGHT IN with your household trash.



## DO's & DON'Ts

### DO:

- ☺ Place sharps in puncture-resistant container.
- ☺ Seal lid on container of sharps with heavy-duty tape.
- ☺ Label plastic jug or metal can “DO NOT RECYCLE”
- ☺ Securely seal or tie household trash bags closed.
- ☺ Keep waste containers out of reach of children and animals.

### DON'T:

- ☹ Place sharps LOOSELY in the trash or toilet.
- ☹ Label the containers as medical waste.
- ☹ Clip needles with scissors.
- ☹ Place sealed containers in with recyclables.

**DO NOT PLACE IT  
WITH YOUR  
RECYCLABLES!**

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ANY SHARPS!**