

SAFE DISPOSAL OF YOUR SYRINGES IN YOUR MUNICIPAL TRASH

1. Your syringes must be placed in rigid containers that will protect people from needle sticks and use containers that are unlikely to break open on its way to the landfill.
2. Place used syringes and needles into a puncture-proof container such as a laundry detergent container or bleach bottle. Do Not use a coffee can as plastic lids can come off easily. Do Not use glass bottles which may break. Local pharmacies also sell commercial containers specially designed to hold sharps for disposal in your household trash.
3. Close the lid tightly and label sealed container as “DO NOT RECYCLE-CONTAINS SHARPS”.

REMEMBER: although you may feel healthy, your used syringes can transmit germ. In addition, loose syringes thrown in your trash can seriously hurt people. We all benefit from the safe disposal of syringes.

To get a copy of the New Jersey Safe Syringe Disposal Guide contact 609-826-4941 or www.nj.gov/health/phss.