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How to Deal with Sharps Responsibly

Perrigo Supports the Safe Collection and Proper Disposal of Used Sharps

A GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO USE SHARPS

Improper disposal of needles and other medical sharps (including needles, syringes, and lancets) can cause needle stick injuries and spread infectious diseases. It is important to dispose of needles properly in order to avoid needle sticks at home and protect garbage and recycling workers.

How to Safely Dispose of Sharps

Place needles and other medical sharps in a closable, puncture-resistant container such as a red biohazard sharps container. When the container is three quarters full, seal and take the container to a collection center for proper disposal.

Where to dispose of Sharps

Collection programs for these items are available in many locations throughout the country. Use the links below to find the location closest to you.

NATIONAL SEARCH

The **Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal** is a coalition of businesses, community groups, non-profit organizations and government that promotes public awareness and solutions for safe disposal of needles, syringes, and other sharps in the community. The Coalition website provides a searchable database of locations that accept used sharps. **Start your search for a disposal location by clicking here.**

STATE LAWS

In some states, it is illegal to throw away medical sharps in household garbage, recycling, and compost bins. Needles and other sharps must be placed in an approved sharps container and disposed of at an approved drop-off site.

More information on sharps disposal and hazardous waste management can be found at these links:

EPA Disposal of Medical Sharps
EPA Medical Waste Programs and Regulations by State

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