WARNING
Needle stick injury can expose you to infectious diseases such as Hepatitis and HIV.
TO AVOID INJURY...
- Do not force sharps into container
- Do not put fingers inside container
- Do not remove needle
- Do not bend or break needle
- Do not recap needle

KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- DO NOT throw sharps in trash
- DO NOT put sharps in recycling
- DO NOT flush sharps down the toilet
- KEEP OUT of reach of children

BE SMART WITH SHARPS

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**USE A SHARPS CONTAINER**

1. Visualize check sharps container for hazards before handling. Read all labels.

   - **MAKE SURE** container is not overfilled or damaged.
   - **CHECK** that container is large enough to fit your sharp.

2. Put used sharp in container immediately after use. Also put unused sharp in container for proper disposal.

   - Keep your hands behind the sharp tip.

**DISCARD A SHARPS CONTAINER**

1. Close sharps container as instructed on label. Different containers have different closures.

2. Bring sharps container to a sharps disposal program.

**IF YOU CANNOT GET A SHARPS CONTAINER...**

FDA RECOMMENDS ALWAYS USING FDA-CLEARED CONTAINERS

If you do not have a sharps container, use an empty household container with these features:

- Stays upright
- Tight-fitting lid that cannot be punctured
- Made of heavy-duty plastic
- Does not leak

**DO NOT USE** containers that can break or puncture easily.

- Milk container
- Soda can
- Glass container
- Water bottle

**FIND A SHARPS DISPOSAL LOCATION**

- Outagamie County — www.outagamie.org/sharpsdisposal
- Winnebago County — www.winnebagopublichealth.org
- Other Counties — dnr.wi.gov/topic/HealthWaste/CollectSharps.html

**DISPOSE OF A HOUSEHOLD SHARPS CONTAINER WHEN IT IS 2/3 FULL:**


2. Bring container to a sharps disposal program.

**DO NOT** put sharps containers in TRASH or RECYCLING!