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Sharps Disposal Guide



PUT THESE IN THE SHARPS CONTAINER

- Acupuncture Needles
- Blood Vials
- Broken Glass or Capillary Tubes
- Culture Dishes and Slides
- Exposed Ends of Dental Wires
- Lancets
- Needles, Hypodermic and Tubing
- Pipettes
- Root Canal Files
- Scalpel Blades
- Suture Needles
- Syringes with and without Needles
- Trauma Scene Waste That Can Cut, Slice or Pierce
- Tubing with Needles



DON'T PUT THESE IN THE SHARPS CONTAINER

- Medication*
- Medication Wrappers
- Aerosols or Inhalers
- Garbage
- Batteries of Any Type
- Cauterizers
- Liquids
- Fluorescein
- Hazardous and Chemical Waste
- Radioactive Waste
- Fixatives and Preservatives
- Red Bag Waste (non-sharps regulated medical waste)

The proper handling method for exchanging reusable sharps containers:

1. Obtain empty containers and transport caps from storage area.
2. On the container to be exchanged, securely insert the red transport cap into the opening or secure the closure mechanism.
3. Unlock the cabinet or bracket holding the container and remove the capped container.
4. Insert the empty disinfected container and lock the cabinet (ensure there is no red transport cap on the container).
5. When transporting filled container, do not carry the container against your body; carry the full, closed container by handle.
6. Place container in the designated area in the corrugated storage/transport box or cart.

*Please follow all federal, state, and local regulations.

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