



KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY

Safe and Proper Disposal of Hypodermic Needles and Syringes

Containers

- Place all sharps in a strong plastic container with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lids.
- The container should be leak-resistant and remain upright during use.
- Safe container examples include detergent or bleach bottles.
- When the container is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, put the lid on and seal with duct tape.
- Clearly label the container.

Where to Place the Container

- Place the plastic container in the household trash.
- **DO NOT RECYCLE** this container.
- Never throw sharps loosely into the trash or toilet.
- If your trash collector is reluctant to collect a red sharps container, refer them to your state waste agency.

What about Small or Retractable Sharps?

- These should be disposed of like any other sharp, in the sealed container, and placed in the household trash.

Needle Clippers

- Once the needle clipper is full, it can be disposed of according to your state and local regulations.

Community Sharps Disposal Programs

- If you would like to bring your sealed container to a disposal program there are drop-off locations in: Boyle, Calloway, and Webster counties.