

How to Safely Dispose Sharps

**EFFECTIVE
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY RESIDENTS can safely dispose of their used SHARPS in a 2 gallon or smaller, heavy-duty, plastic container as an alternative to plastic bio-hazard sharps containers at participating Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities.

Containers should only contain needles, lancets, and syringes with a needle attached that must be completely spent (no liquid remaining, including EpiPens).

HOW TO CREATE YOUR OWN CONTAINER:

- Place sharps into an Approved Sharps Container or 2 gallon or smaller heavy-duty plastic container
- Made of thick plastic (e.g. bleach or detergent container)
- Do not use food product containers
- Must have a screw-top and puncture resistant lid
- 2 gallons or less
- Leak-resistant
- Remain upright when standing
- Place printed Bio-Hazard Label on both sides
- When $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, secure lid, and tape the container closed
- Sharps containers shall be taken to a participating HHW facility for disposal. DO NOT place in the trash.

DO NOT USE FOR SHARPS:



**Print FREE labels by visiting
sbcfire.org/hhw**

**Preprinted labels are available at
HHW collection facilities**



**For more information and locations, call 1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228)
or visit sbcfire.org/hhw**

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Print your own label to create an **Approved Sharps Disposal Container**

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Sharps Label Use Instructions:

1. Save an empty, hard-sided, sealable, non-food, plastic bottle from your home, such as a laundry soap or bleach bottle.
2. Apply these labels to both flat sides of your hard-sided container.
3. Place your used needles, syringes and lancets into this labeled container.
4. When $\frac{3}{4}$ filled, seal the lid tightly and tape the container closed.
5. Save another empty hard-sided non-food bottle and repeat this process.
6. Take full sharps containers to a San Bernardino County Fire HHW Collection event or facility.
7. Call **1-800-Oily Cat (645-9228)** or visit sbcfire.org/hhw for disposal locations and times. New labels can also be obtained at the disposal locations.