Needles Safety

Disposing of Syringes and Needles

1. Place used syringes and needles in a sharps container designated for medical waste.

2. Close the screw-on lid tightly and label the container "Do not Recycle." Check with your local health department for disposal guidelines. They can injure people and spread infection.

3. Accidental needle sticks, which may cause serious injury, can injure people and spread disease. If an injury occurs, wash the injury site thoroughly with soap and water, and seek medical attention.

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6. Never flush and syringes or needles down the toilet. It is illegal in many areas.

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