

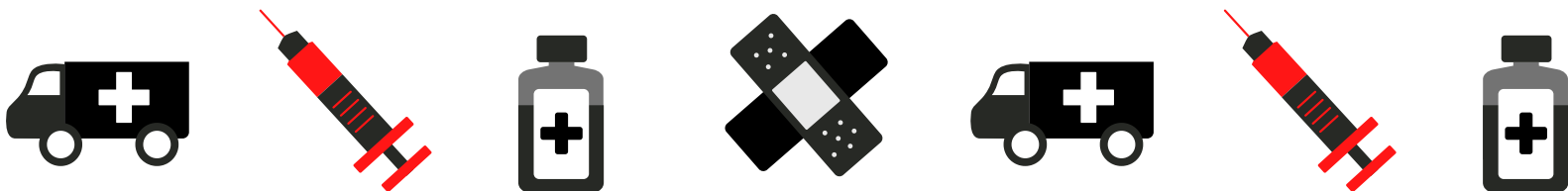


# RESIDENTIAL SHARPS DISPOSAL

About **3 billion** sharps are used at home each year to manage medical conditions such as allergies, infertility, and cancer.

Protect yourself and others from needle sticks by following proper sharps disposal methods no matter where you are:

- 1. Never place loose sharps in the trash or toilet.**
- 2. Never recycle sharps.**



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# PROPER RESIDENTIAL SHARPS DISPOSAL

Used sharps should be placed in FDA-cleared sharps containers, sealed and placed in household trash. Alternatively, FDA-cleared needle clippers may be used. If neither of these is available, use the following procedure:

1.) Re-cap needles if medication is self administered. Use the one-handed, scoop method to recap the needle:

Place cap on a flat surface with something firm to "push" the needle cap against. Hold the syringe with the needle in one hand, and slip the needle into the cap without using the other hand. Push the capped needle against a firm object to "seat" the cap firmly, using only one hand.

2.) Place needles in a leak-proof, puncture resistant container until it is 2/3 full.

3.) Seal lid and secure with sturdy tape such as duct tape.

4.) Label container "Sharps" or "Bio-Hazard Waste" and place in the trash container.

