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## Safe Options for Home Needle Disposal

**Protect  
Yourself,**



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Others**

### Procedure for Safe Disposal at Home:

1. Use a hard plastic container that has a lid and is difficult to puncture.
2. Container should have lid or cap; preferably screw on lids should be used.
3. Label a piece of tape on the container: "Do Not Recycle: Household Sharps"
4. Keep container close by when using needles.
5. Put used needle or syringe point first into container. Container can be ½ full of needles before disposal.
6. Fill container with Plaster-of-Paris and seal. This step helps to protect collection and landfill employees.
7. The container can now be placed with your regular household garbage.

### Safety Reminders Protect Others

- Never leave needles or syringes on streets, in parks, at pharmacies, or anywhere else. Always place them in hard plastic containers with a lid.
- Never place your containers with needles or syringes in a recycling bin.
- Keep the container out of the reach of children. Keep the cap on container when not putting in needles

