

# PROPER SHARPS DISPOSAL

People with medical conditions may use syringes, needles and lancets — collectively known as sharps — every day to control their conditions and stay healthy.

To properly dispose of used sharps, ask your health care provider, veterinarian, hospital or pharmacy how to obtain and dispose of sharps containers.

For alternate disposal of syringes, needles and lancets (sharps), place them in a rigid, sealed container — such as a laundry detergent bottle — before discarding into the gray trash cart. You can also use duct tape or glue to seal the container. It is also a good idea to write “Do not recycle” or “Sharps inside” on the container.

## Safe disposal tips:

- ✗ Do not place sharps in glass or non-rigid containers
- ✗ Do not place loose needles in your gray trash cart or blue recycling cart
- ✗ Do not flush needles or lancets down the toilet
- ✓ Do place needles in a sharps container or a rigid, sealed container



**DO NOT THROW LOOSE SHARPS IN THE GRAY TRASH CART**



**DO NOT THROW LOOSE SHARPS IN THE BLUE RECYCLING CART**



**DO NOT FLUSH SHARPS DOWN THE TOILET**



**DO USE A SHARPS CONTAINER AND KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

For more information on sharps disposal, visit [cityoftulsa.org](http://cityoftulsa.org) or call 311.



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