Safe Needle Disposal: What Should I Do?

What you do depends on who and where you are.

I am a citizen at home or in my community and...

- I bought a needle for myself or my family.
- I found a sharp in my community.

Place needles in a thick plastic container, like a laundry detergent bottle, and throw it away with the regular trash.

Learn more: www.healthvermont.gov/needledisposal

I am at work as a health care worker or veterinarian and...

- My facility generates less than 50 pounds of regulated medical waste each month.
- My facility generates more than 50 pounds of regulated medical waste each month.

Contact a licensed medical waste hauler for proper disposal.

Find a list of permitted solid waste transporters: www.dec.vermont.gov/haulers

What is regulated medical waste?

Regulated medical waste is waste generated in health care facilities, by licensed health care professionals or at trauma scenes that contains blood or other potentially infectious materials or animal infectious waste. This includes any needles or syringes (unused or used) that have been removed from original packaging.

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