

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.

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.

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

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.