

How to properly dispose of your injectables and sharps

Do it yourself

Dispose of medical needles in a puncture-proof, non-clear dark plastic container. After carefully placing all needles in the container, seal the top with a lid and tape closed. Place the container in a dark plastic trash bag, seal the bag closed and place in your trash bin for normal pick-up. Do not flush sharps down the toilet or dispose of sharps directly into a trash bag.

Ideal examples of containers that can be reused include bleach, detergent and fabric softener bottles. Other options include using at-home incendiary devices for sharps disposal or needle cutters.



Mail it out

Several companies offer reputable mail-back kits that comply with government and agency regulations. The kits are designed to have syringes, lancets and other sharps sent safely through the mail.

Some companies that have such programs include:

- Stericycle
- Sharps Assure
- Republic Sharps

The City of McKinney is not a partner with any of these companies or responsible for any of their actions. These companies are provided as a reference point. The resident is still responsible for proper disposal of their sharps.

Pharmaceutical Mail-Back Programs

ENBREL

Call 888-436-2735 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

MYHumira

Call 800-448-6472 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

Orencia

Call 800-673-6242 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

SimponiOne

Call 877-697-4676 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

Trulicity

Call 844-878-4636 to receive a free sharps container.

Consentyx

Call 844-267-3689 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

Otrexup

Call 855-687-3987 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

Cimplycity

Call 844-599-2273 to receive a free sharps container.

Firazyr/OnePath

Call 866-888-0660 to receive a free sharps container.

Rasuvo

Call 855-336-3322 to enroll in the sharps mail-back program.

The above information is provided by safeneedledisposal.org/

Why is it important to dispose of your sharps properly?

In the United States, there are limited options to properly dispose of sharps. Improper disposal of sharps is an issue for human health and the environment. There are approximately 9 million syringe users self-administering approximately 3 billion injections each year. Many self-injectors improperly dispose of their syringes by throwing them uncontained in the trash or flushing them down the toilet. These methods put others at risk. Please properly dispose of your sharps by the DIY or mail-back methods described on the reverse side of this flyer.