

PERSONAL-USE SHARPS DISPOSAL OPTIONS



Applies to individuals | Be Sharp Smart

Each year, billions of needles and lancets - also called sharps - are used to manage medical conditions at home, and may pose a risk of needle-stick injuries when improperly discarded. To help protect yourself and others, ADEQ recommends the following options:

- 1 Use a Hard Plastic Container for Trash Disposal** *(Note that your local trash collection service provider may have additional disposal guidelines):* If you don't have a sharps box, close container lid tightly, wrap the lid with duct tape, and write, "DO NOT RECYCLE," in large letters.

To maximize space, you can use a needle cutter/destroyer (severs needles from the syringe and costs anywhere from \$5 to \$140)

- 2 Use a Mail-Back Program:** Following are some programs that will send you special containers and packaging, dispose of them properly, and send you a new empty set to refill.

Republic Sharps Service: 855-737-7871
GRP: 800-207-0976
MED PRO: 866-402-7499

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SHARPS REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES



Applies to any type of business and/or facility that is licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services

To meet sharps disposal requirements:

1 Properly Document Storage and Disposal Information. Tracking documents must be kept on site for a minimum of one year from disposal date and regularly updated. Typically documented information includes (but is not limited to):

- The name of the person in charge of sharps containers and facility name & address
- Dates of use (i.e., storage start-of-use and date container filled) & of disposal/pick-up
- An ID system, if there are multiple containers in use at one facility

2 Properly Store Sharps. Sharps containers must be:



- Located away from food and other waste
- In a locked container marked "**Biohazardous Medical Waste**" with the universal biohazard symbol
- Stored for no more than 90 days when full or when no longer in use

3 Properly Dispose of Sharps. Must have a state-registered biohazardous medical waste transporter pick up sharps and take them to a biohazardous medical waste treatment facility.

For more about sharps disposal for businesses, including a list of registered biohazardous medical waste transporters, and a program contact visit azdeq.gov/sharps.

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