

Do's and Don't of Sharps Disposal

- ☑ Do keep sharps containers closed between uses and out of reach of children and pets.
- ☑ Do dispose of the entire container.
- ☒ **Don't** bring loose needles or lancets.
- ☒ **Don't** put sharps containers, loose needles or lancets in your recycling bin, garbage or down the toilet.



Safe Sharps Disposal

Information for Newton businesses & residents of other communities

- Sharps from businesses will not be accepted at the drop-off locations.
- Businesses should contract with a sharps disposal company.



More Questions?

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How to safely dispose of household sharps in Newton

What are household sharps?

Needles and lancets used at home to inject medicine into people or pets.

Why is household sharps disposal important?

Properly disposing of sharps helps keep potentially harmful products out of the waste stream.

A state law took effect July 1, 2012 that prohibits people from disposing of needles and lancets in the trash.

How do I store used sharps until disposal?

- ☑ Place sharps in a red medical waste container or other puncture proof container such as a detergent bottle. You can buy a red container at your local pharmacy.
- ☑ Use the container until it is nearly full and then tightly close the lid.
- ☑ Reinforce the lid with tape so sharps won't spill out.
- ☑ There is no time limit for keeping containers. It is best to nearly fill them to make this program cost effective.
- ☑ Milk jugs, coffee cans (due to the flimsy plastic lid), and other thin plastic bottles are unacceptable.

Where do I take my household sharps?

Newton Residents Only

7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.,
Monday—Saturday, excluding holidays

Rumford Resource Recovery Center
115 Rumford Ave

Proof of Newton, MA residency required.

