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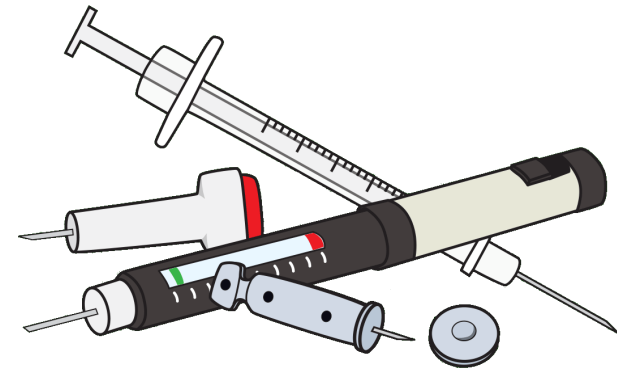
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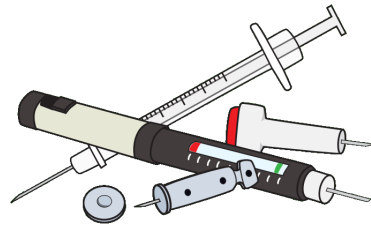


RESPONSIBLE SHARPS AND EXPIRED MEDICATION DISPOSAL

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What are household sharps?

Needles and lancets used at home by people or for pets to treat medical conditions.



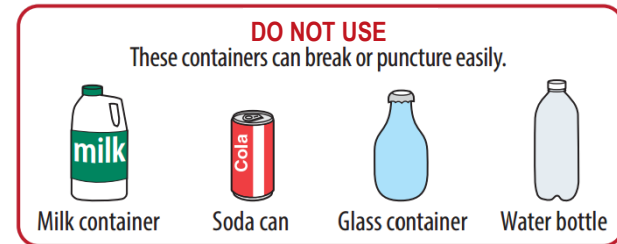
How do I store used sharps for proper disposal?

- Place sharps in a red medical waste container or puncture proof container such as a detergent bottle. Red containers are available at most pharmacies.
- Use the container until it is nearly full and then tightly close the lid and tape it so sharps cannot spill out.
- **Milk jugs, coffee cans (due to the flimsy plastic lid), and other plastic bottles are unacceptable.**



Why is household sharps disposal important?

Disposal of household sharps in the trash was banned by state law in 2012. Properly disposing of sharps helps to improve worker safety and keeps medical wastes out of the waste stream.



Where do I take my household sharps for proper disposal?

Resource Recovery Center
115 Rumford Ave., Auburndale, MA 02466
(Closed on holidays)

Place your sharps container in the red, secure sharps disposal boxes.

Proof of Newton residency required upon request



Keep sharps containers closed between uses and out of reach from children and pets.
Dispose of the entire container at the Resource Recovery Center.



Bring loose needles or lancets to the Resource Recovery Center.
Put sharps containers, loose needles or lancets in your trash cart, recycling cart, or down the toilet.



Download **Recycle Right Newton** to learn more about the right way to get of sharps and more in Newton. Available for free on the App Store and Google Play.