

Safe Needle Pick-up and Disposal



DO NOT

recap the needle



DO NOT

put in garbage / recycling



DO NOT

flush down toilet

- Wear garden, medical or work gloves.
- Use tweezers, pliers or tongs to pick up by the end that is NOT the sharp end. Keep needle away from your body.
- Place the needle, sharp end first, into a hard container that needles cannot poke through (biohazard container, jar, liquid detergent bottle).
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Store the container in a safe place away from children until you can safely dispose of it.
- Place the container in a needle drop box in your community or drop off at your local public health office.

**ASK
FOR
HELP**

Found a needle on public property?

Not comfortable picking it up?

Call your local fire department or public health office!

**Everyone needs to know
what to do when a needle is found!**

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