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NO SYRINGES ALLOWED

NEEDLES COME UNCAPPED AFTER PLACING IN THIS BOX POSING A HAZARD TO OFFICERS DURING DISPOSAL

Follow these steps to safely dispose of your syringes in your municipal trash. Your syringes must be placed in rigid containers that will protect people from needle sticks and use containers that are unlikely to break open on its way to the landfill.

- 1. Rigid Container** - You may use empty laundry detergent bottles or 2-liter soda 'pop' bottles or other rigid containers with screw-on caps to dispose of needles and syringes. Check with a pharmacy. Ask if it sells commercial containers specially designed to hold sharps for disposal in your household trash.
- 2. Label/Warning** - Place a large label with a warning on the empty container. Example: SYRINGES - DO NOT RECYCLE
- 3. Needle Clipper** - Clip the needle. You can buy an inexpensive hand held needle clipper from the pharmacy. Using anything other than a clipper to break a needle is not safe. After clipping the needle, carefully place each of your used needles and syringes into a plastic bottle with a screw-on lid.
- 4. Seal** - Seal the bottle tightly with its original lid and wrap duct tape over the lid after you fill the bottle with syringes.
- 5. Disposal** - You may now dispose of the tightly sealed full container of syringes in your household garbage - NOT in your recycling bin.

For additional information, you may visit the web sites listed below or contact:
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
Consumer and Environmental Health Services -Public Health Sanitation and Safety Program.
Telephone: (609) 588-3124

www.state.nj.us/health/eoh/phss