

# SAFE DISPOSAL TIPS FOR HOME HEALTH CARE WASTE.



- 1** Place all sharps in a puncture-resistant, hard plastic or metal container. An empty detergent bottle with a screw-on cap or an empty coffee can will do.
- 2** Close the container with its original lid and secure with heavy duty tape.
- 3** Place the tightly sealed container in a paper bag and discard it with your household trash.
- 4** Place non-sharp home health care wastes in a doubled, securely fastened, opaque plastic trash bag before putting them in your garbage can with other wastes.

## Do's & Don'ts of Home Health Care Waste Disposal

Use the following tips as a guide when disposing of home health care wastes.

### Do's

- Do keep waste containers away from children and animals
- Do label plastic jugs or metal cans with "do not recycle"
- Do place sharps in an opaque, puncture-resistant container with a lid
- Do seal container lids with heavy-duty tape
- Do seal trash bags with tape or wire/plastic ties

### Don'ts

- Don't clip needles with a pair of scissors
- Don't label containers as medical waste
- Don't Place loose sharps in the trash or toilet
- Don't place sealed containers in with recyclables
- Don't recycle any sharps



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