

CREATE YOUR OWN SHARPS CONTAINER

Create a safe disposal container from an empty bottle with these features:

- Tight-fitting lid
- Made of strong plastic that cannot be punctured
- Can stand upright on its own



Mark your container with a line at 2/3 full. Keep out of reach of children and pets and avoid touching or breaking sharps when filling the container. When your container is 2/3 full, bring it to a designated disposal location. Do not put into regular trash or recycling.



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SHARPS AND LIQUIDS SAFE DISPOSAL



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SHARPS

- Use a container made for sharps.
 - If not available, create your own sharps container using instructions on the back.
- Safely collect your sharps.
- Dispose of your container at a specific sharps collection site.

Visit safeneedledisposal.org to find a disposal location near you.

Contact your local government office and ask about household hazardous waste collection events.

Contact your trash service and ask about your container pick-up.

Find a safe disposal location near you.



<https://michigan-open.org/safe-opioid-disposal/>

DO NOT throw needles directly into the trash.

LIQUIDS

- Keep the liquid medication in its original container and take to a disposal site.
 - Try the QR code to find a location near you.
- Ask the pharmacy for an opioid disposal solution when you pick up the prescription.
- Use home disposal options such as a deactivation bag or medication mail-back envelope.
 - Use the QR code for more information.
- Use your trash as a last resort:
 - Mix liquid medication with used coffee grounds or kitty litter in a bag and throw away.
 - Take personal information off of the prescription label before disposal.



DO NOT flush medications down the toilet.