

# 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



Avoid touching or breaking sharps when filling the container and keep it away from children or pets. When the container is almost full, bring it to a safe disposal location or seal the lid with strong tape and dispose of it in the household trash. Do not put uncontained sharps into the trash. Do not put sharps in the 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 or in household trash.

Visit **[safeneedledisposal.org](https://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/>

## 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 throw needles directly into the trash.

DO NOT flush medications down the toilet.