

How to Safely Pick Up a Discarded Syringe

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When available prepare yourself with gloves, tongs or pliers, a hard plastic sealable container (pop bottle) or bio-bin, a marker and tape.

- Do not use glass containers as they can easily break.
- In an effort to **not** make direct contact with the needle when disposing of the syringe **do not** hold container.

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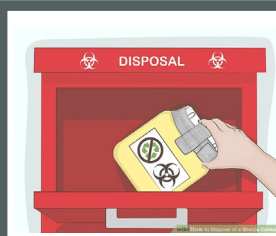
- Keep the hard plastic bottle on the ground or surface.
- Using tongs or pliers, or gloved hand pick up the syringe in the middle so that the sharp end is **pointing away from you**.
- If a number of syringes are present move with a stick/tongs and pick up one at a time.
- Place the needle-sharp end first into the container.

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- Close the container tightly.
- Seal with tape.
- Mark with the word **SHARPS**.

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Dispose of containers at one of the 14 sharps disposal bins (throughout the City of Greater Sudbury), The Point, or Réseau ACCESS Network.

- Do not place the container in the garbage or recycling bin
- You may call 311 for additional drop off locations



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