

I need to get rid of this medication.

# Drug Disposal Options

Do you have medicine you want to get rid of?

Do you have a drug take-back option readily available?

Check the **DEA website**, as well as your local drugstore and police station for possible options.

**NO**

**YES**

Is it on the **FDA flush list**?

**NO**

Follow the FDA **instructions for disposing of medicine in the household trash.**

**YES**

**Immediately flush your medicine in the toilet.**

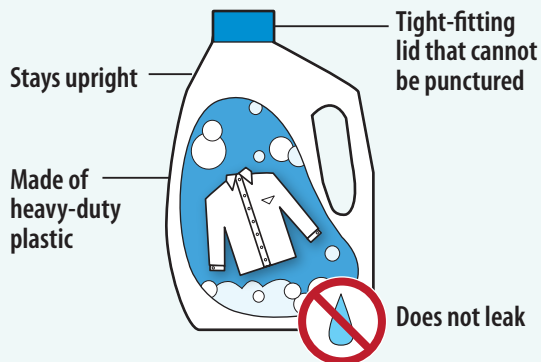
Scratch out all personal info on the bottle and recycle/throw it away.

Take your medicine to a drug take-back location.

Do this promptly for **FDA flush list** drugs!

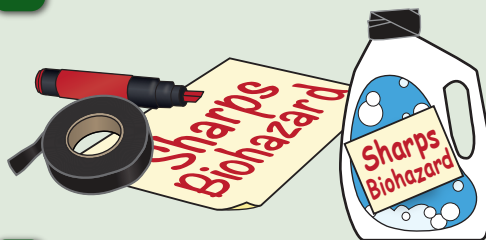
# IF YOU CANNOT GET AN FDA-CLEARED SHARPS CONTAINER, FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

**Use an empty household container with these features:**



**Discarding a household container:**

**1** Close lid and tape shut. Label container.



**2** Bring container to a sharps disposal program.

## DO NOT USE

These containers can break or puncture easily.



Milk container



Water bottle



Glass container



Soda can

If you cannot find a disposal program, put container in center of full trash bag and discard in regular trash.\*



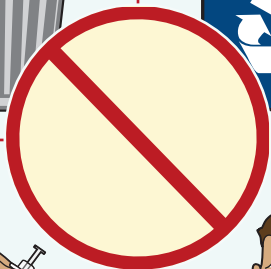
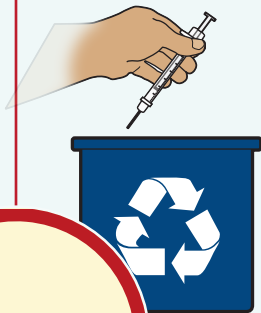
**DO NOT  
put sharps containers  
in RECYCLING!**

\* In some areas it is illegal to dispose of sharps in the trash.  
Please follow your community guidelines.

## KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

**DO NOT  
throw loose  
sharps in trash**

**DO NOT  
put sharps  
in recycling**



**DO NOT  
flush sharps  
down toilet**

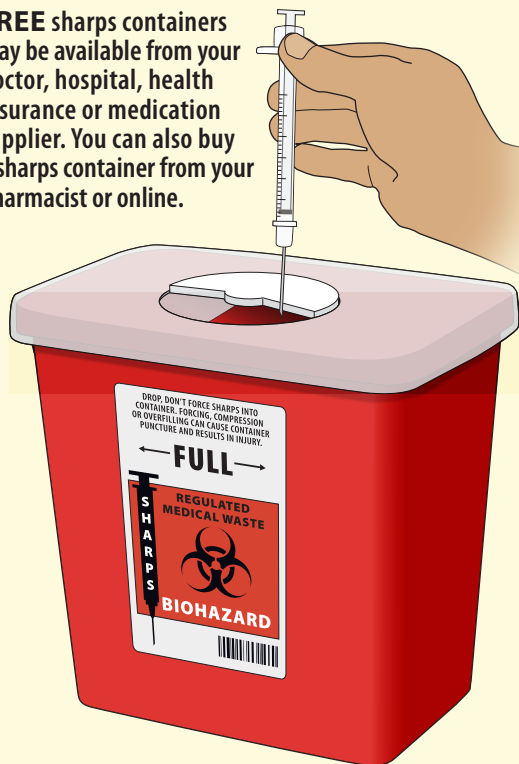


**KEEP OUT  
of reach  
of children**

## ALWAYS USE A SHARPS CONTAINER

Used sharps are hazardous waste. When not discarded properly they can cut and infect others. Protect your community by always discarding your used sharps in a sharps disposal container.

**FREE** sharps containers may be available from your doctor, hospital, health insurance or medication supplier. You can also buy a sharps container from your pharmacist or online.



For information about rules and laws in your community, contact the Coalition for Safe Community Needle Disposal at 800.643.1643. For more information on sharps visit [fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal](https://www.fda.gov/safesharpsdisposal).