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## Do-It-Yourself Medical Sharps Container



Here's a simple way to safely dispose of personal medical sharps at home:

- USE a thick-walled, sturdy plastic container with a tight fitting screw cap, such as an empty detergent bottle.
- LABEL the container with one of the new labels or with the words, "Medical Sharps Container. Not for Recycling."
- When about half-full, SEAL the container with heavy-duty tape.
- DISPOSE OF the container in the trash.
   No sticks. No worries.

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The Granite State Diabetes Educators has a new label (above and attached) designed to turn a sturdy, plastic bottle into a simple, inexpensive and SAFE container for disposing of personal medical sharps at home.

Help keep sharps from being thrown loose into the household trash or flushed down the drain.

Needle stick injuries are a serious public health risk to family members, home health providers and sanitation workers. Spent needles can carry HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C, tetanus, and other blood borne diseases. Needle stick injuries cost thousands of dollars in medical testing and cause considerable stress for the injured, even when tests are negative.

A limited number of FREE labels are available from the Granite State Diabetes Educators, by contacting Liz Kennett at <a href="mailto:jimlizk@comcast.net">jimlizk@comcast.net</a>. The labels will also be available online for printing onto Avery-type labels at <a href="mailto:www.des.nh.gov">www.des.nh.gov</a>.

or more information on FREE sharps container labels, fill out this slip and leave in the nearby drop box. contact Liz Kennett, Granite State Diabetes Educators, at jimlizk@comcast.net

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