



IMPORTANT NOTICE

NEEDLE / SHARPS DISPOSAL FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Residents using sharps in the home, under Federal and Michigan State regulation, are still allowed to place these items in the trash for disposal.

The EPA no longer recommends that residents use a sturdy plastic household container and throw it in the trash. The EPA recommends participating in one of two programs: A community program or a national disposal program.

Proper disposal is crucial to prevent sanitation workers from being stuck or injured by a needle or sharp.

***If you MUST dispose of needles / sharps in your trash –
Please follow the instructions below.***

- **NEVER PLACE LOOSE NEEDLES / SHARPS IN THE TRASH.**
- PLACE NEEDLES / SHARPS IN A STURDY PLASTIC CONTAINER WITH A SCREW ON LID. (Example: LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOTTLE) MAKE SURE THE LID IS TIGHTLY SECURED.
- PLACE THE PLASTIC BOTTLE IN YOUR TRASH RECEPTACLE FOR DISPOSAL AT THE CURB.
- **DO NOT PLACE THE PLASTIC BOTTLE IN OR NEAR A RECYCLING BIN.**

We encourage all residents that use needles / sharps, to participate in a Safe Disposal Option. These options include: Mail-back programs, Drop-off collections sites, Syringe exchange programs, and home needle destruction devices.

Waste Management offers a program for needle disposal; please visit us online at www.wm.com or Call (800) 796-9696

Further information about safe needle disposal is available at:
www.michigan.gov/deqmedwaste and www.safeneedledisposal.org

Or by calling (800) 643-1643.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION

If Waste Management finds needles / sharps loose in your trash, they can refuse to service your home due to health and safety reasons.