

Help Prevent Needle Stick Injury



Other Options

Deliver bottle to Jefferson County Solid Waste Transfer Station. At the Transfer Station do not throw the bottle on the Transfer floor with the other trash. Inform the Transfer Attendant of the sharps and you will be advised where to place it.

Use a mail-away sharps disposal program. Approved United States Postal Service sharps containers can be purchased from selected medical waste disposal companies. When you purchase the container you are also paying for the disposal of the full container when you are ready to return it. Simply fill the sharps container and mail it back in the box provided.



For a list of programs go to: www.sustainablehospitals.org. Under “category” list scroll to: “sharps containers - mail back programs” or use the link on the JCPH web page.

www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/

DO NOT put the red commercial “sharps” containers into your household trash. Studies show that they will shatter in the collection truck and expose people to loose syringes.

Residents of other counties should contact the environmental health division of their local health department for information on syringe disposal restrictions.



JEFFERSON COUNTY
Public Health & Public Works

Jefferson County Public Works
623 SHERIDAN STREET
PORT TOWNSEND, WA 98368
www.jefferson.wa.us then click on “Solid Waste”
Monday – Friday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Phone: 360-385-9160
Fax: 360-385-9234

Jefferson County Public Health
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
Phone: 360-385-9400
Fax: 360-379-4487
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How do I Dispose of My Needles and Syringes?

Home & Residential Sharps



A Safer Way to Dispose of Your Syringes and Lancets

1. Label Container: Label an empty clear plastic soda or cooking oil bottle with a warning label available for printing on the Jefferson County Public Health website, or write "Syringes: Do Not Recycle!"
2. Prevent Pressure Build-up in Garbage Collection Truck: Put a small hole in the neck of the bottle. This allows air to escape.
3. Store: Carefully put each of your used syringes and lancets into the bottle. Continue adding until container is 3/4 full.
4. Seal: Put tape over the closed bottle cap when the bottle is 3/4 full.
5. Safe Disposal: Place bottle at the top of your trashcan, just under the lid, on the scheduled day of collection. The bottle should be placed in the trashcan as close to the collection time as possible in order to limit exposure time to other people and animals.

**DO NOT
RECYCLE**



Remember

- Keep your container out of reach of small children and pets!
- Never flush your syringes down the toilet!
- Do not fill your container to the top! Allow two to three inches in-between the syringes and the neck of the soda bottle.
- Put a lid on it! After you use a syringe or lancet, put it directly into a clear plastic bottle. Then cap the bottle with a tight fitting lid.
- When the bottle is 3/4 full and tightly sealed throw it out with the trash.

