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

**Use an empty household container with these features:**
- Tight-fitting lid that cannot be punctured
- Made of heavy-duty plastic
- Stays upright
- Does not leak

**Discarding a household 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.*

* 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.

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