



Hazardous Waste Disposal

SHARPS

Includes needles, razor blades, scalpel blades, and knife blades (exactoknife) regardless of use. Sharps are considered biohazardous whether or not they were used on a living thing. Sharps are all treated the same way because it's their 'sharpness' that poses the hazard.

HOW TO DISPOSE

- Users must purchase their own sharps container.
- Collect material in **approved / official sharps container**. Do not add sharps past fill line.
- Where possible and when safe, **do not** include non-sharps components in container (i.e. syringe bodies, vials, scalpel handles)
- Affix Biological Waste Tag (available on website) and check box labelled *Sharps*.
- Register your waste as “Other Wastes” through the Hazardous Waste Inventory System (HWIS)
- Prior to pick up please ensure:
 1. lid is **securely** attached to container and lid is locked in the **closed** position
 2. tag is affixed and correctly completed

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Procedure for sharps waste

This is a guide to help you determine how to safely dispose of your hazardous waste. If you have questions, contact HSE.

1 What is it?

Sharps such as needles, razor blades, scalpel blades, knife blades (ie. exactoknife) are biohazardous **regardless** of use:

- needles are sharps whether or not they were used on a living thing. Sharps are all treated the same way because it's their 'sharpness' that poses the hazard



2 Collect in official sharps containers:

Users must **purchase** their own sharps containers.

- Do not add sharps past **fill line**
- Where possible and safe to do so, **do not** include non-sharps components:
 - syringe bodies
 - vials
 - scalpel or razor handles
 - plastic packaging



3 When the sharps reach the fill line:

1. **Securely** close lid:
 - ensure lid is securely attached to container
 - lock sliding cover into place
2. Affix biological waste tag
3. Check box labelled 'sharps'



4 Request Pick-up

Request pick-up through the [HWIS](#) as "Other Wastes"

1. Place in appropriate area for pick-up.



5 What happens after pick-up?

- After pick-up, HSE **consolidates** the waste from each waste stream.
- We combine biohazardous sharps into large biohazard bins.
 - to prevent undue harm to HSE, you must segregate and treat your wastes properly
 - Waste contractor picks up bins every few months for disposal



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Still have questions?

Contact Health, Safety and Environment



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