Safe sharps disposal

Protecting yourself, your family and the environment
Current recommendations on sharps safety and disposal

Always safely dispose of used needles

**After use, needles should be disposed of immediately.** Pen needles should not be left attached to the pen, and should not be recapped. Otherwise, air or other contaminants can enter the cartridge or medication can leak out. These can affect the accuracy of your dosing.¹

**Always dispose of sharps in a medical sharps container.** These containers should be clearly labeled with a warning such as, “Needles may seriously damage the health of others. Please ensure their safe disposal.”¹

**Used sharps should never be discarded directly into household or public trash.** They are a major accidental needlestick risk to others.¹²

**Teach your family, caregivers and service providers (e.g., child care and sanitation workers) about safe sharps disposal.** It’s important for everyone involved to understand the risks of accidental needlestick injury.¹

**Remember:** Always rotate your injection sites and replace your needle with every injection to maintain proper injection technique and minimize injection site complications.¹
BD sharps containment and disposal products

**BD home sharps container**

Designed to hold insulin syringes, pen needles and lancets, the BD home sharps container is a leak-proof and puncture-resistant container for safe, convenient disposal of used sharps, with the following features:

- Permanent locking, snap-top lid
- Capacity for 70 to 100 insulin syringes or 300 pen needles

**BD Safe-Clip™ device**

A portable device that helps you safely and easily remove insulin syringe needles and pen needles, the BD Safe-Clip device automatically retains the clipped needle within the clipper, with the following features:

- Capacity for up to 1,500 clipped needles, which is approximately a two-year supply
- Compatibility with 28G through 31G and 3/16 in (5 mm) through 1/2 in (12.7 mm) needles

**BD sharps disposal by mail**

The BD home sharps container and BD Safe-Clip device are also available for purchase with prepaid, sturdy cardboard mailing boxes for convenient and secure disposal by mail.

BD sharps containment and disposal products are distributed nationwide through retail pharmacies, supermarket pharmacies and online pharmacies. For more information, visit [bd.com/us/diabetes](http://bd.com/us/diabetes).

* The insulin syringe capacity depends on the size of the insulin syringe being disposed of. The container is made for the disposal of insulin syringes, pen needles and lancets only; other types of syringes do not fit.
† Not intended for use with lancets. Do not clip insulin syringes or pen needles other than your own.
Safe sharps disposal and the environment

Check your local guidelines

Guidelines for the safe and environmentally responsible disposal of medical waste like used sharps vary across the country. You can find more information and confirm your local rules by visiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at epa.gov/rcra/medical-waste.

BD safety and environmental policy

BD is an environmentally responsible company and provides medical supplies that effectively manage environmental impact. When patients use a BD home sharps container, they protect themselves, their community and the environment.

Learn more about the BD commitment to environmental management and sustainability at bd.com/sustainability.