

Found A Syringe?

Safe needle disposal steps from the Substance Misuse Prevention Program at ANTHC



1

Put on heavy duty gloves and use pliers or tongs to pick up the needle. Do not break the needle off or try to recap it, this may cause injury.

2

Place the needle in a puncture-proof, container with a lid. Medical sharps containers are best.

*The FDA recommends heavy duty plastic bottles that are able to securely close and stand upright, including shampoo bottles, kitty litter containers, and jugs for detergent. Note: plastic bottles that are thicker than a milk jug.

3

Screw on the lid and seal it well with strong tape, like duct tape. Write "Medical Waste- Do Not Recycle" on the container.

4

Take the container to an approved drop-off site - this might be your local landfill, clinic, or fire station. Call your clinic, tribal office, or city office ahead of time for clarification.



If you are accidentally punctured with a needle follow these steps immediately:

1. Clean the area with soap and water or an antiseptic such as rubbing alcohol.
2. Call your health care provider and seek medical attention immediately.

Syringe Disposal Drop-Off Locations

You can put needles in the trash for pick up, or take to the landfill, as long as they are in a thick plastic container with a secured lid and labeled "Medical Waste".

Locations current as of May 10, 2020

Anchorage / Eagle River

Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four A's)
(907) 263-2050

Providence Laboratory Services
(907) 212-3631

- Main Medical Center Lab
- Patient Service Centers
- Providence Health Park
- Eagle River Center

Mat-Su Valley

Central Landfil
(907) 861-7600

Give the container to the gatehouse attendant. If that isn't possible, it's OK to throw them away in a sharps container or a thick plastic container with a secure lid and labeled "Medical Waste".

Fairbanks

You can put needles in the trash for pickup as long as they are in a sharps container or a thick plastic container with a secure lid and labeled "Medical Waste".

If you need help obtaining a sharps container call Public Works at
(907) 459-6770.

Kenai Peninsula

Homer Police Department
(907) 235-3150

South Penisula Hospital
(907) 235-8101

Providence Seward Medical Center
(907) 224-5205

Central Peninsula Hospital
(907) 714-4404

Nikiski Fire Department
(907) 776-6401

Juneau

Downtown Fire Station
(907) 586-5322

Glacier Fire Station
(907) 586-5322

Town Parks

There are disposal containers in the Cope and Twin Lakes restrooms (locked at night): Cope also has an outdoor receptacle that's available at night.

If you don't feel comfortable disposing of a found syringe on your own, email sharps@juneau.org

If you do medical care at home, you may be able to take used medical supplies or prescriptions back to the prescribing office, your pharmacy or hospital: call first. If care is for pets, ask your vet.

Questions? Contact saprevention@anthc.org
Learn more at SafeNeedleDisposal.org



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