

# 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 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 Peninsula 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](mailto: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](mailto:saprevention@anthc.org)  
Learn more at [SafeNeedleDisposal.org](http://SafeNeedleDisposal.org)



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