Livestock-related sharps are considered medical waste.

If not disposed of properly, sharps pose a significant risk of injury and illness to farmers, on site workers and waste handlers.

1 STORAGE

- After sharps have been used, **immediately** place them in a sharps disposal container.
- If an FDA approved container is not available, use a laundry detergent bottle as an alternative.
- **Do not** use milk jugs or pop bottles.
- **Label the container** “Sharps - Do not recycle” to warn of hazardous waste inside.

CONTAINERS

All sharps disposal containers should be:

» made of heavy-duty plastic and leak-proof
» closed with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid
» upright and stable during use

2 DISPOSAL

- Dispose of your container when it is 3/4 full.
- Render the contents inactive (e.g. pour bleach into the container before sealing).
- Seal it with duct tape before disposal.
- **Do not** reuse sharps disposal containers.
- **Do not** recycle.

- Visit SafeNeedleDisposal.org for guidance on how to safely dispose of used sharps in your area.

Sharps disposal rules can vary by state, county, and city.

VIEW OUR NEEDLESTICK PREVENTION RESOURCES AT UMASH.UMN.EDU/NEEDLESTICK

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