

Needle and Syringe Disposal for Diabetic Patients

As one of the approximately 17 million Americans that have been diagnosed with diabetes, you may be aware that one treatment option is the intramuscular injection of insulin at periodic intervals to control blood sugar levels. Patients using this treatment option may have significant quantities of used needles and syringes to dispose of.

The Boone County Health Department and the Boone County Solid Waste Management District recommend using a professional sharps container for storage of used needles/syringes before their ultimate disposal. These containers are available **FREE OF CHARGE** to Boone County residents. You may pick up a container from the Health Department located at 116 West Washington Street, Room B-201, Lebanon. Once the container is full, return it to the Health Department where appropriate disposal will be accomplished at no charge to you. Obtain another free container for your use.

This program is a convenient way to insure that there are no accidental sticks of persons coming into contact with needles during the collection and disposal of trash.

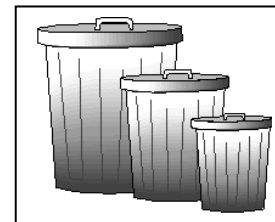


Use: Appropriate sharps container (available free from Health Dept.)



Do not use: Coffee cans, detergent jugs or other unmarked or inappropriate receptacles for storage or disposal.

BRING: Filled container to Health Department for appropriate disposal.



DO NOT: Put unmarked containers with needles in trash or flush needles down the toilet.

An effective and no cost program exists in Boone County for needle and syringe collection and disposal. Please make use of it.

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