



If You Find a Used Syringe:

- **Do not** attempt to recap the syringe.
- Find a rigid-walled opaque plastic, puncture-resistant, sealable container. (*Example: coffee can, liquid detergent or bleach bottle*)
- Consider using latex/rubber gloves, if possible. Be aware of finger dexterity. Also, tongs can be used, but be aware of control dexterity.
- Bring the container toward the location of the syringe.
- Place the container firmly on the ground beside the syringe.
- **Do not** hold the container upright in your hands as you are disposing of the syringe.
- Carefully pick up the syringe by the middle of the barrel.
- Keep the sharp end of the syringe facing away from you at all times.
- Place the syringe in the container, sharp end first, then drop.
- Securely place the lid on the container, holding the container at the top.
- Remove gloves (*if used*) and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- If there are multiple syringes (*piled*), they should be carefully separated using tongs prior to placing in container. Do not separate using your hands, shoes, or sticks.
- Instruct children to inform an adult if they find unsafely disposed syringes.

If someone is injured by a discarded needle and syringe, do not panic. Take reasonable care and follow these steps:

1. Wash the area gently with soap and running tap water as soon as possible.
2. Apply an antiseptic and a clean dressing.
3. Obtain prompt medical advice from your local doctor or hospital emergency department, preferably within 24 hours.

All facilities are closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas

More Information on Needle Disposal in Spokane County¹

Residential Sharps and Pharmaceutical Waste

You can prevent injury and illness by following simple steps when disposing of residential or home health care sharps and pharmaceuticals.

All needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp objects should be placed in a puncture resistant container (*coffee can, liquid detergent or bleach bottle*) **with a label noting that the container holds sharps**. Once secured in a container, sharps can be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste area at transfer stations.

Disposal

Waste to Energy Facility Recycling and Disposal Site

2900 S. Geiger Blvd. (West of downtown Spokane across from the Washington State Patrol office)

Owned and operated by: City of Spokane

Household hazardous waste accepted:

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 7 days/week

More information: 509.625.6580 or spokanecity.org

Valley Recycling and Transfer Station

3941 N. Sullivan Rd. (South of Trent Ave., across from the Spokane Industrial Park)

Owned and operated by: Spokane County

Household hazardous waste accepted:

Saturdays and Sundays only, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More information: 509.477.6800 or spokanecounty.org

North County (Colbert) Transfer Station

N. 22123 Elk-Chattaroy Rd.

(at the intersection of Elk-Chattaroy Rd. and Highway 2)

Owned and operated by: Spokane County

Household hazardous waste accepted:

Saturdays and Sundays only, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More information: 509.477.6800 or spokanecounty.org

Fees

- Recyclable drop off - **FREE**
- Household hazardous waste disposal - **FREE**

For more information, or to report illegal dumping, please call the Spokane Regional Health District at 509.324.1560, ext. 3

¹Information from: my.spokanecity.org/solid_waste/hazardous
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