

Other information may be available at

<https://www.epa.gov/rcra/community-options-safe-needle-disposal>

If you have any questions about how to dispose of your injection delivery devices or needles, please call

1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979)

A few points about

Disposing of Needles and Injection Delivery Devices

Eli Lilly and Company supports the proper disposal of needles and injection delivery devices, also referred to as “sharps,” in compliance with federal, state, and local laws.

Inside you’ll find some pointers that can help you dispose of your sharps properly.

How can I dispose of my used needles and injection delivery devices properly?

Needles – You should dispose of used injection delivery device needles in an approved sharps container. Keep sharps containers out of the reach of children.

Full containers should be disposed of in compliance with federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Injection Delivery Devices – Disposable injection delivery devices should be thrown away **without the needle attached**. Once the needle is removed, the delivery devices can be safely disposed of in household trash.

Injection delivery devices and needles should NOT be recycled.

Are there any programs that can help me with disposal of used needles?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides information on sharps disposal and existing programs for patients:

Drop-off collection sites: Including doctors' offices, hospitals, health clinics, pharmacies, police and fire stations, and medical waste facilities.

Mail-back programs: Some sharps manufacturers provide sharps containers that can be sent through the US Postal Service.

At-home needle destruction devices: These will sever, burn, or melt the needle, making it safe for disposal. For more information, check with your pharmacist or healthcare provider.

Household trash service: Some states allow disposal of needles in rigid containers like empty laundry detergent bottles or coffee cans, which must be marked as non-recyclable.
