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***HOME DISPOSAL OF USED SYRINGES***

After you have given yourself a shot, there are numerous ways to dispose of the syringe/needle that will help protect people and the environment. Improper management of discarded syringes and needles pose a health risk to the public and waste workers. Used syringes and needles can transmit serious diseases, such as HIV and Hepatitis.

***PLACING SYRINGES IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS***

The best containers are made of strong plastic so needles can't poke through, and have a small opening on top with a cap or lid that screw on tightly to prevent spills. Examples of these containers are empty bleach bottles or liquid detergent bottles. After use, place the syringe directly in the container, and never leave it just laying around. When the container is full, tightly secure the lid and reinforce it with heavy-duty tape before throwing it in the trash.

***PLACING SYRINGES IN COFFEE CANS***

You can also use plastic or metal coffee cans. When it gets full, close the lid tightly and seal it with heavy-duty tape before throwing it in the trash. Don't use glass containers or lightweight plastic containers. Don't use any container that will be returned to a store. Be sure to keep your container out of reach of small children and pets. Don't try to bend, break, or put the cap back on your needle.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION***

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