

How to dispose of **Household** and **Veterinary** **MEDICAL WASTE**

You can prevent injury, illness, and pollution by following some simple steps when you dispose of the sharp objects and contaminated materials used in administering health care in your home or in your livestock operation.

Follow these guidelines to ensure the safety of garbage haulers, recycling personnel, and other solid waste facility workers.

NEEDLES, SYRINGES AND LANCETS



Important: Needles, syringes, and lancets **must not be disposed of with household garbage or recycling. Follow these steps:**

- Don't clip needles off, unless you have a device that stores the needle after it has been clipped.
- Place needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp objects in a **hard plastic** or **metal container** with a **screw-on lid** like a detergent bottle or a coffee can.
- **Secure the lid** with heavy-duty tape. Label the container: **Home Sharps-NOT FOR RECYCLING**.
- Dispose of the sealed containers by bringing them to the **Rice County Solid Waste Facility**.



BANDAGES, SHEETS AND GLOVES



Soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and medical gloves should be placed in a **well-sealed plastic bag** before they are put in the garbage with your other trash.

Questions?
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