

Guidelines for Proper Disposal



- Treat all sharps/needles as **contaminated**
- Never try to recap a needle or break off the tip
- Do not flush, or place in garbage or recycling

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Put on latex or vinyl **gloves** to protect yourself from fluid contamination
(this will not protect you against punctures or cuts)
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Utilize **Sharps bin/ container**. This is a container that is puncture proof, leak proof, easy to put in but hard to take out, and has a lid.
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Carefully pick up the needle/sharp using a **disposal tool** such as tongs or pliers. Always keep the pointed end downwards and away from the body.
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Deposit needle/ sharp into the sharps bin or disposal container.
Close/seal the container tightly.
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Remove gloves and **wash your hands** with warm water and soap or use hand sanitizer.
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To **dispose**, bring the container to a sharps disposal bin at Community Services (15 Curtis Ave. N., Paris, ON) or Brant County Health Unit.



I got poked by a needle. What do I do?

Allow wound to bleed freely. Wash wound with soap and water. Cover with sterile bandage. Seek immediate medical attention.