

Don't Leave it Behind

How to dispose of equipment safely

What should be disposed of in a safe disposal container

DO

- ✓ Used needles and syringes
- ✓ Used cookers and filters
- ✓ Glass stems and bowls
- ✓ Used screens
- ✓ Used foil and straws
- ✓ Tourniquets

DON'T

- ✗ Regular garbage
- ✗ Clean packaging

Why should you dispose of used equipment safely

- Used injection equipment, including needles, syringes, cookers and filters can be contaminated with HIV or hepatitis viruses that could transmit infection through a cut.
- Broken glass from stems or bowls, as well as brass screens, can cause cuts to the skin.

Choose a container that is right for you

Black Pocket Bin



Holds about **10 needles and syringes**, as well as other supplies.
Perfect for pockets, pouches or purses.

Yellow 1 Litre Bin



Holds about **70 needles and syringes**, as well as other supplies.
Perfect for backpacks.

4 Litre Bin



Larger 4-litre bins are available and hold about **450 needles and syringes**, as well as other supplies.

Where to get a disposal bin or return one for disposal

- Local health unit office
- Community Exchange Works partners
- Participating pharmacies
- Community sharps bins (kiosks) are available in many locations to safely dispose of used needles and other harm reduction supplies

Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Programs

To find a spot near you, visit ohrdp.ca/find-supplies

