

# Collect and Dispose of **NEEDLES** and **SYRINGES** Safely

## How to Collect Safely

- Wear rubber or puncture proof gloves (if available).
- Use tongs, pliers or tweezers to pick up needle(s).
- Place needle(s) in an approved yellow sharps container (1.4L or 4.5L). You may get one of these from your local pharmacy.
- Otherwise, place needle(s) in a puncture proof container with a screw top lid (e.g. pop bottle, jar). Tape the lids closed if possible and label the container.



## How to Dispose Safely

- Take the container for free disposal to one of the following locations:
  - Any pharmacy in Peterborough City or County  
\*however they can only accept found needles that are in the approved yellow containers\*
  - Small containers can be placed in public needle disposal bins. For locations, visit [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca) | Your Health | Environmental Hazards | Found Needles
  - The Household Hazardous Waste Depot  
400 Pido Road  
Open Wednesday to Saturday,  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **DO NOT** place the container in your household waste or recycling bin.

