

# Non-Biological Sharps Disposal



**Physical Sharp** - Any item capable of puncturing or cutting the skin.

## 1. Collect non-biological physical sharps in a puncture proof container

### USE A DISPOSAL RESTRICTED WASTE (DRW) LABEL IF:



- Empty sharps (chemical residue ok, no liquids.)
- Non-chemical, non-biological, non-radioactive sharps.
- If there is still liquid in a syringe, empty the liquid in to your hazardous waste liquid container in your SAA by depressing the plunger completely.

### USE A CHEMICAL HAZARDOUS WASTE LABEL IF:

- Contaminated with mercury or air/water reactives.



See [www.ehs.harvard.edu](http://www.ehs.harvard.edu) for more info



## 2. Label the Container

## 3. Request a pickup online when the container is $\frac{3}{4}$ full

<http://www.ehs.harvard.edu/tools>



### OTHER CONTAINER OPTIONS:

- Green sharps container
- Shatter resistant glass jar
- Small black sharps container



### DO NOT USE:

- 1 gal plastic jar (they are not puncture proof)
- Yellow sharps container (could be confused with radioactive sharps)



### NOT RECOMMENDED:

- Red biological sharps bins SHOULD NOT be used but can be permitted only if the bio Symbol is COMPLETELY defaced.

