Non-Biological Sharps Disposal

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

2. Label the Container

3. Request a pickup online when the container is ¾ full

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

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.

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.

See www.ehs.harvard.edu for more info

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

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Biological Labs should manage all sharps as biological sharps.