

Safe Needle Disposal

A clean and safe community is a shared responsibility

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- Find a rigid container with a lid.
- Place it on the ground.
- Do not recap, bend, or break the needle.



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- You can use work or latex gloves, tongs, or pliers.
- Please do not hold the container.
- Carefully pick up the needle in the middle of the barrel.
- Ensure the needle tip is pointing down and away from you. Put into the container and put on the lid.



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- Take off gloves, if you used some, and wash your hands.



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- Take the plastic container to a your nearest community drop box OR
- A Northern Health community site OR
- A pharmacy which accepts needles OR
- Call your local municipality for assistance.



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- Teach children to not pick up needles and tell an adult.
- Needle stick injuries can alarm people but are very unlikely to cause disease. Please follow the advice from BCCDC on [community needle stick injuries](#).



References:

BCCDC Harm reduction best practices: [Safe needle disposal](#)

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