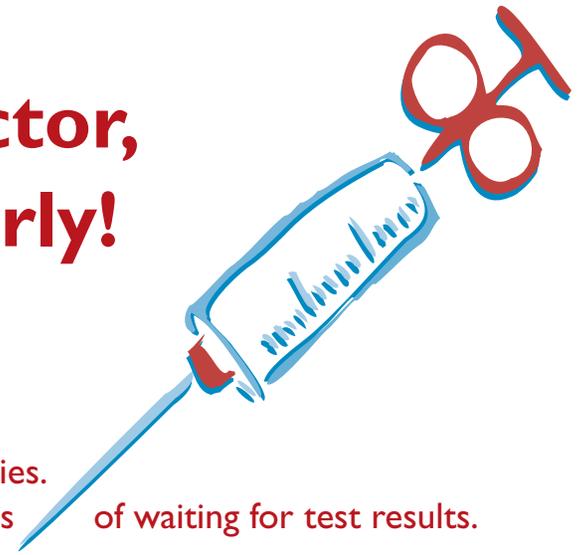


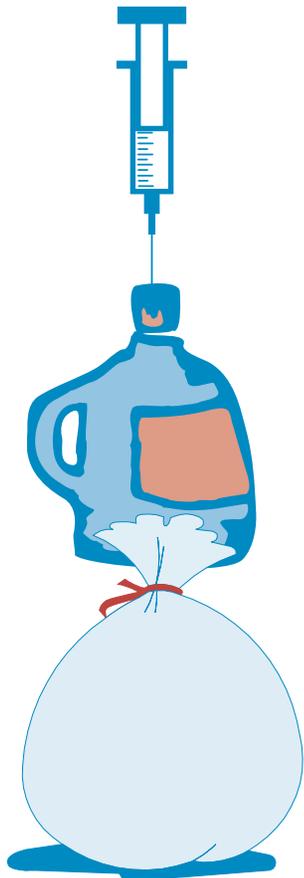
Protect Your Trash Collector, Dispose of Needles Properly!



Did you know?

How you discard a needle has a big impact on trash collectors and their families. Each accidental needlestick requires HIV and hepatitis testing - not to mention the stress of waiting for test results.

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Safe Needle Disposal Is Easy

Use hard-wall containers with lids.

- Laundry detergent and bleach bottles, peanut butter jars, etc.

The thicker the wall, the safer the container.

- Avoid thin plastics, like soda bottles - they are easily pierced

Do not use glass containers.

- These can break and cause a greater hazard

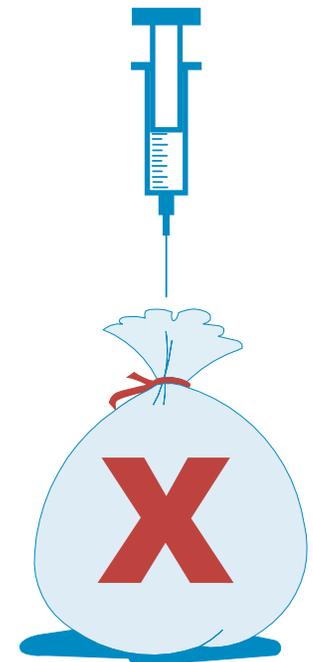
Never throw loose needles in the garbage

- Protruding or falling needles endanger trash collectors



**Always place needles in a
puncture-resistant container
with a tight lid before disposal.**

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