

Safe disposal of your pet's needles and syringes



It's vital that everyone adheres to the legal requirements, in the disposal of all sharps. We have a duty to protect us all by the safe storing and disposal of sharps equipment.

How to dispose of sharps

Your used sharps should be immediately placed in a sharps disposal container. Sharps containers are typically made from puncture-resistant plastic with leak-resistant sides and bottom; providing an element of safety so needles and syringes don't easily pierce the sides.

Sharps containers are used to safely store materials until they can be disposed of safely. Syringes and needles can easily be inserted in the top of the container, minimising the risk of injury or accident to those who use them.

You will be given a yellow container by one of our vets or nurses for your used syringes. There is a small charge for this and when you return your full sharps container we replace it with another as required

- Never try to remove a needle from the sharps bin.
- Keep the sharps bin in a safe place and out of the reach of children and pets. You can use the temporary closure on the lid after each use, to prevent the contents spilling.

How full should a sharps container be before emptying?

A sharps container should be no more than three quarters full before emptying. If you wait until it's completely full, dangerous items like needles and syringes can stick out of the top of the container, providing an unnecessary risk to anyone handling its disposal.

How are full containers disposed of?

You can drop your full sharps containers at the practice where we handle the disposal. Disposal is included in the price.

