Do put used sharps in a puncture-resistant, unbreakable plastic bleach or laundry detergent bottle. Close the screw-on top tightly. You may want to tape it as well. Label the bottle CONTAINS SHARPS. Keep the container in areas that are child-proof and pet-proof.

Do not put used sharp containers in with recyclable plastics.

Check with your local health, sanitation or public works department for their regulations of how to safely dispose of used sharps.

Growing Up Healthy Hotline: 1-800-522-5006
AIDS Hotline: 1-800-541-2437

In addition to all hospitals and nursing homes that are mandated to accept household sharps, you can bring your sharps to alternative sharps disposal kiosks in your community. To find out where, visit: health.ny.gov/sharps-collection

The Point is a New York State specific, mobile friendly locater tool where you can obtain among other services locations near you where you get hypodermic needles and syringes without a prescription, as well as locations where syringes and drugs can be disposed safely in secure and anonymous drop-off kiosks. To find a location near you, visit: thepointny.org

Anyone 18 or older can buy up to 10 syringes without a prescription at participating pharmacies throughout New York State. Some participating pharmacies display the ESAP logo. Ask your pharmacist if he or she participates or call 1-800-522-5006 or 1-800-541-2437 to find an ESAP pharmacy near you. For ESAP registered providers in your area, visit: www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/harm_reduction/needles_syringes/esap/provdirect.htm