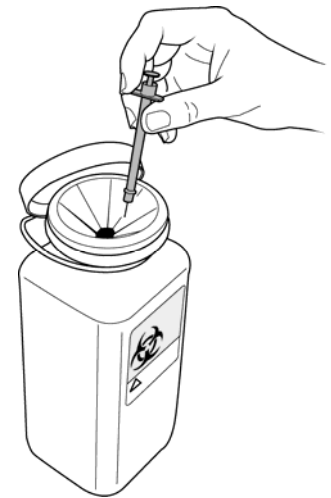
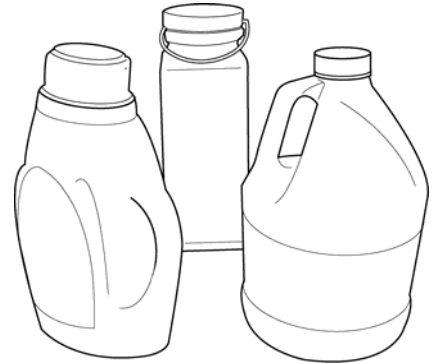


Throwing Away Used Needles and Syringes

When you use needles or syringes at home, you need to throw them away safely.

- Use a strong container that has a cap or lid, such as a bleach or detergent jug or a coffee can. Do not use milk cartons or glass bottles. You can also buy needle boxes at your pharmacy.
- Put your needle and syringe in the container right after use. Do not recap the needle.
- Cap the container tightly after each use.
- Keep your container out of the reach of children and pets.
- When the container is $\frac{3}{4}$ full, put the lid on tightly. Use heavy tape like duct, packing or electrical tape to seal the lid.
- Check with your local pharmacy, trash company or health department about what you should do with the container.
 - ▶ Some cities have collection sites at hospitals, clinics, drug stores or fire stations where you can dispose of the container.
 - ▶ Your trash company may allow you to set the container out beside your trash. This is so it can be handled safely and not be mixed in with regular trash.



2005 – 9/2010 Health Information Translations

Unless otherwise stated, user may print or download information from www.healthinfotranslations.org for personal, non-commercial use only. The medical information found on this website should not be used in place of a consultation with your doctor or other health care provider. You should always seek the advice of your doctor or other qualified health care provider before you start or stop any treatment or with any questions you may have about a medical condition. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Mount Carmel Health System, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital are not responsible for injuries or damages you may incur as a result of your stopping medical treatment or your failure to obtain medical treatment.

Eliminación de agujas y jeringas usadas

Cuando use agujas o jeringas en casa, debe eliminarlas de manera segura.

- Use un recipiente resistente con tapa, como un tarro de lejía o detergente, o una lata de café. No use cartones de leche ni botellas de vidrio. También puede comprar recipientes para agujas en la farmacia.
- Eche la aguja y la jeringa al recipiente inmediatamente después de usarlas. No vuelva a tapar la aguja.
- Tape bien apretado el recipiente después de cada uso.
- Mantenga el recipiente fuera del alcance de los niños o mascotas.
- Cuando el recipiente esté lleno hasta $\frac{3}{4}$ de su capacidad, póngale la tapa bien apretada. Selle la tapa con cinta adhesiva gruesa, como la cinta adhesiva para conductos (duct tape), cinta para embalaje o la aislante.
- Consulte en su farmacia, compañía de recolección de basura o departamento de salud local qué debe hacer con el recipiente.
 - ▶ Algunas ciudades tienen sitios de recolección en hospitales, clínicas, farmacias o estaciones de bomberos en donde puede desechar el recipiente.
 - ▶ Su compañía de recolección de basura puede permitirle colocar el recipiente al lado de su basura. Esto es para que pueda ser manipulado de forma segura y no se mezcle con la basura regular.



2005 – 9/2010 Health Information Translations

Unless otherwise stated, user may print or download information from www.healthinfotranslations.org for personal, non-commercial use only. The medical information found on this website should not be used in place of a consultation with your doctor or other health care provider. You should always seek the advice of your doctor or other qualified health care provider before you start or stop any treatment or with any questions you may have about a medical condition. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Mount Carmel Health System, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital are not responsible for injuries or damages you may incur as a result of your stopping medical treatment or your failure to obtain medical treatment.

Throwing Away Used Needles and Syringes. Spanish.