There is almost no risk of infection to someone accidentally poked by a discarded syringe, but improperly disposed syringes are a growing public concern. Here’s how to keep our streets safe and clean by properly disposing of discarded syringes.

**Syringe Pick-Up In 4 Easy Steps**

1. **Pick it up**
   Some people like to use tongs, pliers or a trash grabber.

2. **Drop it in**
   Use a hard plastic container with a lid. Drop the syringes in, one at a time, needle point down.

3. **Seal it up**
   Close the container tight. If you have tape and a pen, seal the top and write, “SHARPS. DO NOT RECYCLE.”

4. **Drop it off**
   Drop the container in a nearby sharps box or take it to a Metro Facility.
For more disposal options, or if you have questions about medical waste disposal, contact Metro at 503-234-3000

DROP IT OFF

1. Transition Projects
   NW Irving, between NW 6th Ave. and Broadway

2. Greyhound bus station
   NW Glisan St., between NW 5th and 6th Avenues

3. NW Davis St.
   Between NW 4th and 5th Avenues

4. Waterfront Park, Burnside Bridge
   under the west side Burnside Bridge

5. SW 2nd Ave and Ash St.
   near Skidmore Fountain

6. Multnomah Village Fire Station
   8720 SW 30th Ave., Portland

7. St. John’s Fire Station*
   7205 N Alta Ave., Portland
   *Not shown on map.

8. North by Northeast Community Health Center, 714 NE Alberta St., Portland

9. Francis and Clare Commons
   SE 11th Ave. and SE Oak St., Portland

10. Multnomah County Building
    501 SE Hawthorne Blvd, Portland

11. Multnomah County Bridge Shop
    1403 SE Water Ave, Portland

12. Belmont Library Parking Lot
    1038 SE Cesar Estrada Chavez Blvd, Portland

13. Oregon Clinic
    NE Multnomah and 99th Ave.

14. Midland Library parking lot
    805 SE 122nd Ave., Portland

15. Woodstock Fire Station
    5211 SE Mall St., Portland

16. Holgate Library parking lot
    7905 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland

17. Lents Fire Station
    5707 SE 92nd Ave., Portland

It’s against the law to throw syringes in the garbage, even if they are in a secure plastic container. Instead, drop the container at one of the following locations: