Sharps are any device having acute rigid corners or edges capable of cutting or piercing skin or regular waste bags. Some examples include hypodermic needles, razors, scalpel blades, broken glass, pipettes with sharp tips, capillary tubes, microscope slides and other sharp-cornered objects.

Broken glass and other glass items can be managed using this flowchart or the Broken Glass Flowchart.

Follow the flowchart to appropriately manage your sharps waste.

Is the sharps contaminated with a radioactive material?
- Yes: Place in a 1 gallon radioactive waste container and submit a Radioactive Waste Collection.
- No: Is the sharps contaminated with a hazardous chemical?
  - Yes: Place in a 1 gallon hazardous chemical waste container and submit a Chemical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup.
  - No: Is the sharps contaminated with a pharmaceutical material?
    - Yes: Place in a pharmaceutical sharps waste container and submit a Biomedical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup.
    - No: Is the sharps contaminated with a biohazardous material?
      - Yes: Place in a biohazardous sharps waste container and submit a Biomedical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup.
      - No: Is it a hypodermic needle?
        - Yes: Place in a biohazardous sharps waste container and submit a Biomedical Waste Collection or Text a Pickup.
        - No: Place the sharps in a plastic container and dispose of the container in the trash. Do not place in a glass bottle.