

It's dangerous to throw loose needles into the trash.

They will shatter under pressure and could expose waste collectors to germs such as Hepatitis B. Below are ways to properly dispose of used syringes in Kittitas County.

## **Safe Syringe Disposal**

**STICKER** Label an empty plastic bottle or milk jug with the warning – 'BIOHAZARD' using either a pre-made warning sticker, one that you make, or contact the Kittitas County Solid Waste Office for a Biohazard Sticker.

**STORE** Carefully put each of your used syringes into a plastic bottle.



**SEAL** Screw the cap back on tightly or put tape over the closed bottle cap when the bottle is full. Now your syringes are contained in a container that protects people from needle sticks and is unlikely to break open on its way to the landfill.

**SAFE DISPOSAL** Dispose of the filled bottle at the Kittitas County Solid Waste Office or check with your local pharmacy for disposal options.

Kittitas County Solid Waste Department 925 Industrial Way Ellensburg, WA 98926 509-962-7542

