



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Gender & Sexuality Resource Center

Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management

Trans* @ NIU Resource Guide

Sharps Box Program @ NIU

*The importance of proper needle safety cannot be overstated. Whether the needles are required for hormone replacement therapy (HRT) or other medical conditions, proper disposal is a critical step in the medication process. Thankfully, for NIU students there is a program available to that will allow someone **to obtain a sharps box for no cost** for those that require a box for medical sharps waste.*

The program's website states the information as follows:

"Needle Safety is a concern for everyone from the person who needs to inject needed medication to the person who is responsible for final disposal of used needles. For those on campus there is a program in which they can receive a suitable container for their used needles and pick up of full containers. These are then disposed of through the university Biowaste program.

Plastic containers for disposal of used syringes and needles are available, in Environmental Health and Safety, for use by students

Those students who are diabetic or otherwise using syringes and needles for medical purposes are invited to call **Dave Scharenberg** at 815-753-1093. The needle container and the disposal of full containers are **free to students**. There are no forms to fill out and no personal information needs to be given to receive the containers."

Source: <http://www.niu.edu/ehs/health-safety/needle-safety/index.shtml>

You can also drop off a full container to Dave Scharenberg as well. These services are free to NIU students.

The DeKalb County Health Department website has the following requirements for sharps disposal:

-Proper Disposal Procedures-

“Ask your pharmacy, clinic, hospital or health department (there may be a fee) to take them back. If they will not take them back, put needles into a “sharps container” (available at pharmacies), and inform your waste disposal provider that it will be placed with your trash.”

Source: http://www.dekalbcounty.org/Health/environmental/recycle_directory.html#Needles