

**Disposal of Used Needles:**

- Never place containers with used needles or syringes in a recycling bin.
- Never place loose sharps in the garbage.
- Never flush used needles down the toilet.



For more information on safe needle disposal contact the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Solid & Hazardous Waste Division (WDEQ/SHWD) at (307) 777-7752.



*Proper  
Sharps Disposal*

**City Of Cody**

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## WHY are used needles dangerous?

They can:

- Injure people
- Spread germs
- Spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus & syphilis



## WHO is at risk?

- Sanitation collection workers
- Recycling center workers
- Landfill attendants
- Janitors
- Housekeepers
- Children
- Neighbors
- Pets
- YOU!

## WHAT can we do?

### 1. Mail-back Programs

Mail-back disposal containers may be purchased at a local pharmacy. Once full, the containers can be mailed to licensed disposal facilities.



### 2. Needle Destruction Devices

Devices are available for home use that bend, break, incinerate or shear needles. Once destroyed, the remains can be safely disposed of in the garbage.

### 3. Home Containers

Place needles in an empty laundry detergent bottle with a screw-on lid.

Label container **“Do Not Recycle”**



Put sharps in point-first.

Do not fill more than half-full.

Deliver to proper disposal site.

### 4. Park County Landfill Collection Site

Park County Regional Landfill accepts sharps on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** each month **free** of charge. Place needles in approved or home containers and deliver to the landfill for proper disposal.

#### **Park County Regional Landfill**

7753 Hwy 120

Cody, WY

(307) 587-2443

Monday - Saturday, 7:00 am - 5:00pm

Loads will be accepted until 4:30pm.