

## General use for disposal of needles

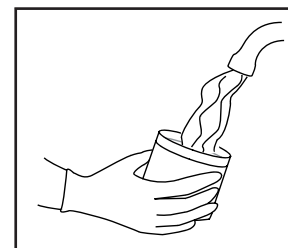
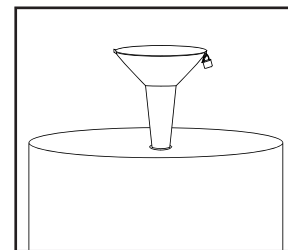
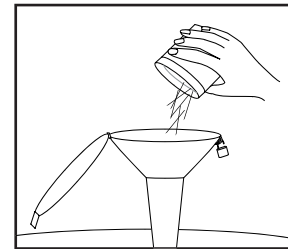
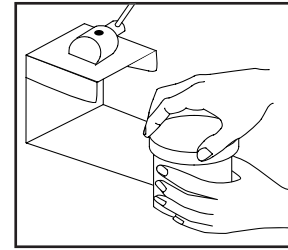
1. Remove the filled needle container from needle remover and immediately secure lid.
2. Keep the lid on the container when transporting the filled container to the sharps barrel.
3. Unlock and lift funnel lid.
4. Empty needle container into funnel with care to avoid spilling.

Do not use the barrel for any other type of waste.

5. Keep funnel lid closed and locked when not in use.
6. Occasionally the barrel may be rocked gently to settle the contents evenly inside.

Needles will tend to stack directly underneath the funnel opening; rocking helps to ensure that the entire barrel volume will be used.

7. Wearing plastic gloves, clean the container with bleach and hot water before reuse.



## Cleaning needle spills

1. Put on protective gloves.
2. Pour bleach solution over needles and allow to sit for 15 minutes.
3. Using a dustpan and broom, carefully brush the needles off the ground and empty them into the sharps barrel through the funnel. Do not allow fingers or hands to come in contact with needles. Take special care to ensure that no needle fragments remain embedded in the broom.
4. After the needles have been removed, mop the area with a bleach solution.

## Final disposal of barrel

The barrel is expected to hold approximately 150,000 needles before it is full. The fill level of the barrel can be examined by looking directly down into the barrel through the funnel. When it is full, the following steps should be followed:

1. Remove funnel. The funnel can be saved and used again for another barrel.
2. Fill the barrel with cement to safely encapsulate the loose needles.
3. Cap the hole and transfer the cemented barrel to landfill disposal.