

What is Sharps Waste?

Sharps are objects or devices that have been used in patient care, medical, research, or industrial laboratories. Sharps can be glass, metal, or plastic with rigid corners, sharp edges, or protruding pieces that can slice, scrape or pierce the skin. Sharps may include (but aren't limited to) the following..

- ▶ Acupuncture needles
- ▶ Blood vials
- ▶ Broken glass or capillary tubes
- ▶ Culture dishes and slides
- ▶ Exposed ends of dental wires
- ▶ Lancets
- ▶ Needles, hypodermic and tubing
- ▶ Pipettes
- ▶ Root canal files
- ▶ Scalpel blades
- ▶ Suture needles
- ▶ Syringes with and without needles
- ▶ Trauma scene waste that can cut, slice or pierce
- ▶ Tubing with needles

