Found a syringe?
Here’s how to dispose safely of used needles

**STEP 01**

Pick them up carefully
Wear gloves. Some people like to use pliers or tongs, but use them only if you can get a solid grip. You don’t want the needle to slip out of your grasp.

Never break the needle off or try to recap it. This could cause injury or spread diseases/germs. If you get poked by a needle, clean the area with soap and water or with an antiseptic such as rubbing alcohol. Call your doctor or hospital.

**STEP 02**

Put needles in a puncture-proof, lidded container
A “medical sharps” container is best. Plastic bottles are the next-best thing, but use something thicker than a milk jug, (e.g. a jug for detergent or kitty litter). Once the needles are in, don’t take them out. Call (907) 459 - 6770 if you need help getting a container.

**STEP 03**

Take the container to an approved drop-off site
This might be your local landfill, clinic, or fire station. Call and ask ahead of time!

For further questions, contact the Fairbanks City Public Works at (907) 459 - 6770