

What do I do if I find a syringe on the ground?

1. Put on gloves
2. Place a puncture-proof container (like an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle, or a biohazard sharps container) on the ground beside the syringe
3. Using tongs or gloved hands (whichever provides the most control), pick up the syringe by the middle of the barrel
4. Place the syringe into the container sharp end first
5. Secure the lid of the container
6. Remove gloves and wash your hands

You can bring your containers to Steady Collective during outreach hours or take them to the [Buncombe County Transfer Station](#) (190 Hominy Creek Road).

Steady Collective maintains outdoor syringe collection units in Buncombe county. These units were made and installed by Asheville Greenworks. If you find individual syringes near any of these containers just deposit them in the top and Steady will pick them up. In 2019 these containers kept over 1200 used syringes off the ground and out of waterways. Follow this link to find a unit near you:

[Collection Container Map](#)

Steady Collective has regular syringe pick-up events. [Studies](#) show needle litter to be less prevalent near community syringe access programs.

