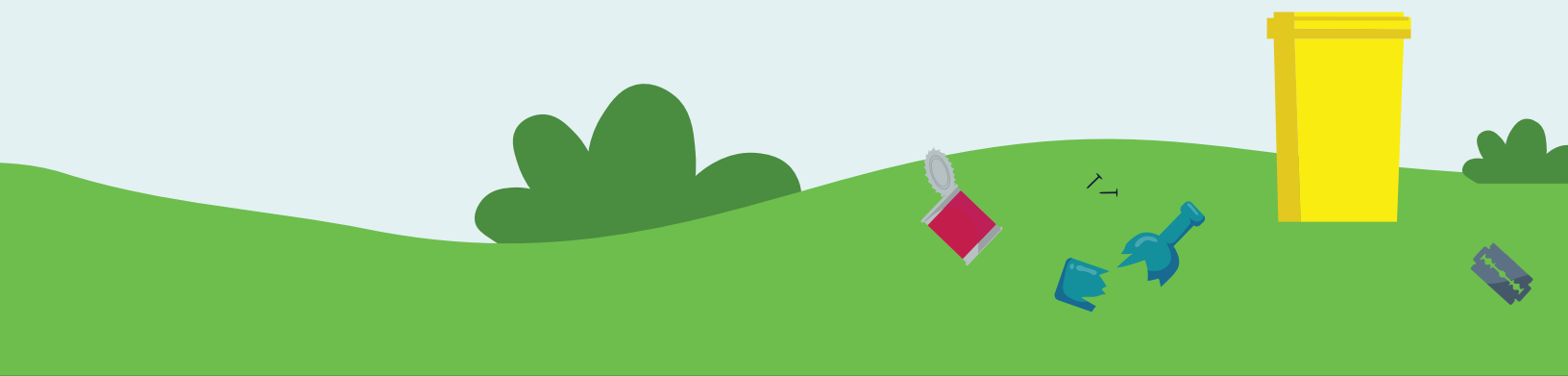


Let's Get to the Point: Safely Pick Up Litter in Elgin, Oxford and St. Thomas



Learn what to do if you come across hazardous litter like razor blades, needles, or other sharp objects in your community. Litter can carry germs that make you sick, so it's important to be safe!

1. Find a poke-proof container with a lid (e.g., peanut butter container, bottle, coffee can)
2. Use tongs or pliers to pick it up, keeping the sharp part turned away from you
3. Place the item(s) in the container pointy end first and secure the lid
4. Wash your hands with soap and water
5. Take the container to a local sharps disposal location or participating pharmacy by visiting www.healthsteward.ca.

Free sharps bins are available at participating pharmacies.

(Limited supply of sharps bins and tongs are available from Southwestern Public Health)

KEEP SAFETY IN MIND

- Children should NEVER pick up needles! Teach kids to NOT touch sharps and tell an adult
- Wear gloves if you have them
- DO NOT try to recap a needle or break off the sharp end
- Never put a container with sharps into the garbage or recycling bin

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