

Safe Medication Disposal



Dispose of your expired, unwanted or unused medications properly and as soon as possible!

- Do:** Dispose of medications at a drug take back site or follow the steps below for proper household disposal.
- Don't:** Dispose of medications by flushing them down the toilet or drain unless the drug is on the FDA Flush List.

Find an Authorized Collector Location

- The DEA allows unused prescription medications to be dropped off at specific local pharmacies and other authorized sites during specific times of year. Please visit www.deatakeback.com for more information and to find a local site on National Rx Take Back Day.
- Additionally, to find year-round local drop off sites, please enter your zip code at the following site: <https://apps2.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e2s1>

For additional information of proper drug disposal, please call the DEA Office of Diversion Control at **1-(800)-882-9539** or visit the United States Department of Health and Human Services website at: www.hhs.gov/opioids/prevention/safely-dispose-drugs/index.html

Steps to Properly Dispose of Medications in Your Household Trash

- Take your expired or unwanted non-controlled medications out of their original containers.
- Mix the drugs with an unpalatable substance, such as used coffee grounds, dirt, or kitty litter.
- Dispose of the mixture by putting it in a disposable container (e.g., an empty margarine tub) or plastic bag and place in the trash.
- Remember to conceal or remove any personal information on your prescription bottle. This includes the RX number, your name, the prescriber's name, and your address.

The FDA Flush List

- The FDA Flush list are medications that should be flushed down the toilet or drain instead of placed in the trash if a drug disposal location is not an option.
- Any drug that contains a word below can be flushed down the toilet or drain:
 - Buprenorphine
 - Diazepam Gel
 - Fentanyl
 - Hydrocodone
 - Oxycodone
 - Meperidine
 - Methadone
 - Daytrana
 - Morphine
 - Benzhydrocodone
 - Oxymorphone
 - Xywav or Xyrem
 - Nucynta

For a full list of flushable medications please visit the FDA website or contact them at (888)-INFO-FDA. Contact Poison Control right away if you suspect poisoning - Poison Control Help Center (800)-222-1222.