

Medication Disposal



Where can I dispose safely?

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• LIQUIDS and SHARPS (Needles & syringes) are generally NOT accepted.



How do I safely dispose of medications at home?

If you cannot make it to a disposal site, you can follow these simple steps to dispose of most medicines in your trash at home:

- **Mix** medicines (liquid or pills; do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unappealing substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds.
- **Place** the mixture in a container, such as a sealed plastic bag.
- **Throw** away the container in your trash at home.
- **Remove** all personal information on the prescription label of empty medicine bottles or medicine packaging, then trash or recycle the empty bottle or packaging.

Why dispose safely?

Many people who misuse prescription medications take them from their family and friends, including from their cabinets, bedrooms and purses.

Pets and young children can accidentally swallow unused medications, leading to poisoning and possible overdose.

Throwing medication in the trash leaves the potential for someone to retrieve them and abuse them or illegally sell them.

Flushing medication down the toilet can contaminate the water supply.

Disposing of medications through a proper disposal site can save lives and protect the environment!



Concerned about the prescription drug misuse of someone?

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