
Visit www.productstewardship.us/GoToGuide for:

- Drug drop-off locations near you
- How to safely dispose meds
- Info on the dangers of unused meds
- How to increase safe drug take-back opportunities in your area



No internet? Ask your doctor



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Unused medications?



What's Inside:

- Why unused drugs should NOT be stored at home, put in the trash, flushed, or poured down the drain
- How and where to safely dispose of medications

Keeping unused meds endangers you and your family:

7 out of 10 people who start abusing prescription drugs get them from the medicine cabinets of friends and family.

Among children, accidental drug poisoning is twice as common as poisoning from other products (e.g., cleaning solutions).

Adults, especially seniors, may accidentally take the wrong drugs, or take expired drugs that are less effective.

Putting meds in the trash, flushing, or pouring them down the drain pollutes water:

Most wastewater treatment plants can't remove drugs. Drugs also leak out of landfills into soil and water.

Drugs change fertility, growth, and behavior of fish, frogs, snails, and other animals.

How to Dispose of Unused Meds

Drop Off

You can drop off meds **for free, no questions asked** at some pharmacies, hospitals, clinics, police stations, sheriff offices, narcotic treatment centers, and long-term care facilities. Make sure they can take your meds before you visit.

Your town or county Health or Environment departments may also host drug collection events.

To find drop-off locations near you, visit:

www.productstewardship.us/What_to_do_with_meds



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Mail Back

Some pharmacies offer postage-paid envelopes for free or for a fee. Use these envelopes to mail medicines to a safe disposal program

