

DRUG DISPOSAL GUIDE

WHY?

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose
- Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives by reducing availability for abuse and protects the environment

Did you know?

Surgical events are often the beginning of prescription drug abuse

70%

of youth that abuse prescription medications get them from family and friends

116

Americans die every day from opioid overdose

IMPORTANT POINT!

Unused pills left in households often end up in the wrong hands



More than 3 out of 4 people who misuse prescriptions use drugs that are prescribed to family or friends

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Year-Round Drug Disposal Locations:

Miss Annual Take Back Day? To locate an authorized collector in your area visit: <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch>



Dispose at home:

Remove any personal information from prescription bottles or packages before disposal

Mix drugs with undesirable substances like dirt, coffee grounds, or cat litter. This makes them less appealing and harder to retrieve

Unless directions say otherwise, **DO NOT** flush medications down the drain or toilet because they can pollute the water supply