

# Safe Medication Disposal

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

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## 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](http://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](http://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.**