



Safe Disposal of Prescription Medications

It's important to make sure unused medicine doesn't end up in the wrong hands. You can help by safely throwing away your unused medicine as soon as possible.

Bring your unused medicines to a take back site

This is the best way to throw out old medicines. You can find drug take back sites at healthpartners.com/drug-diversion. See attached documents for the closest sites near you.

Mail your unused medicines back to the pharmacy or another official site

Check out www.deatakeback.com for more information. Make sure you use the right packaging which may be available at your pharmacy or another official site.

Throw away your medicines at home

Take the medicine out of its original package and mix it with something like used coffee grounds or kitty litter. Then seal it in a bag and throw it in your household trash. Don't forget to scratch out your information on the package and dispose of that, too.

Use an in-home drug deactivation kit

These kits make medicine completely unusable with environmentally safe chemicals. They may be found at online retailers or your pharmacy.

Questions?

Visit the United States Department of Health and Human Services website at healthpartners.com/safe-disposal to learn more.

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