



# Safe Medication Disposal

## Don't Flush!

Medications flushed down the drain can be harmful to the environment.



**Don't Store!** Keeping out-dated or un-used medication can lead to theft. Theft of medication can lead to illegal distribution and/or drug abuse/addiction.

## Option 1

Bring your medication to a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For a listing of our sites and events please visit [rcwaste.org/hhw](http://rcwaste.org/hhw)

### Liquid Medication & Propellant Inhaler

Liquid medication and propellant containers must have all personal information removed from the containers.



## Option 2

Unwanted and expired medication can also be safely disposed in the routine garbage following a few simple steps:

### Liquid Medication

Empty liquid medication onto paper towels, newspaper or rags and dispose with regular trash.



### Pills

Mix pills with undesirable substances such as kitty litter, coffee grounds, or other masking material, and place in the regular trash.



### Pills

Remove pills from original container and put pills in a sealed "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or smaller. (Controlled substances are not accepted)



### Propellant Inhaler

Empty container by expelling all propellant. Dispose of small empty aerosol container in your regular trash.



## Maximum limit per trip:

1 gallon or 8 lbs. of medication accepted per trip.

Sharps/syringes containing medication are accepted as sharps waste. Residents must follow sharps waste packaging and labeling requirements for proper disposal.



## Option 3

Prescription mail back envelopes may be available for purchase at your local pharmacy.

### Acceptable Medication

- \* Nutritional supplements
- \* Prescription medications
- \* Over-the-counter medications
- \* Pet medications

### Unacceptable Medication

- \* Controlled substances
- \* Chemotherapy medication
- \* Business or health care generated pharmaceutical waste

## Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired controlled substance for safe disposal to the Drug Enforcement Agency

Visit [dea.gov](http://dea.gov) or call (800) 882-9539 for a collection site near you.

