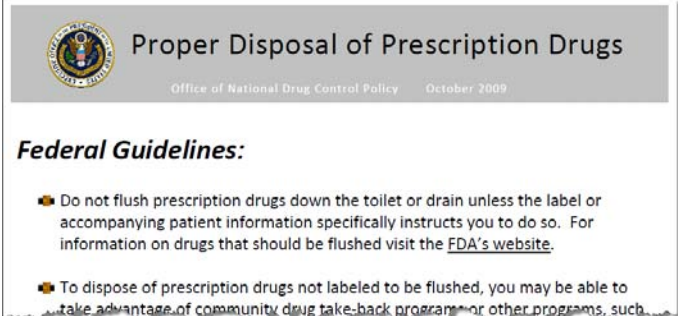


Resources to Learn More about Proper Medication Disposal

These recommendations vary—once you’ve organized your medications, here are a few resources so you can decide for yourself how you’d like to dispose of your unused ones.

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy “Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs” (PDF)

http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip_disposal.pdf



Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs
Office of National Drug Control Policy October 2009

Federal Guidelines:

- Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so. For information on drugs that should be flushed visit the [FDA's website](#).
- To dispose of prescription drugs not labeled to be flushed, you may be able to take advantage of community drug take-back programs or other programs, such as...



Ask Your Pharmacist

Don't Flush Your Medicines Down the Toilet!

- A recent study shows that 80 percent of US streams contain small amounts of human medicines.
- Sewage systems cannot remove these medicines from water that is released into lakes, rivers or oceans.
- Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water.
- And, even very small amounts of medicine have been found in drinking water.

How to dispose medications at home
Follow these steps to protect your privacy and reduce unintended drug use, while saving the environment.

- Keep medicine in its original child-resistant container.
- Place some water into solid medications, such as pills or capsules.

California State Board of Pharmacy and UC San Francisco School of Pharmacy “Don't Flush Your Medicines Down the Toilet” (PDF)

http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/publications/dont_flush_meds.pdf

DEA National Take Back Initiative Information on collection sites for prescription drugs

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



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Got Drugs? Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal Saturday, April 30th

NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

APRIL 30, 2011
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

ALERT Find a collection site near you