

3 ways to safely dispose of unused medication



Unused medications should be disposed of as soon as possible. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.

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Visit a “take back” site

“Take back” sites are locations in your community where you can drop off unused medications, no questions asked. Take back sites are the preferred method for disposing of unused controlled substances. To find a take back site in your area, see the list on the back of this document or visit apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch.

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Flush your unused medications

If you are unable to visit a drug take back location, you can flush your unused medication down the toilet as long as your medication is on the “flush list.” To see if your medication is on the flush list, visit:

www.fda.gov/drugs/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know/drug-disposal-fdas-flush-list-certain-medicines.

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Throw away your unused medications

If your medication is not on the “flush list,” you can throw it away. Mix unused medicine (liquid or pills; do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unappealing substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds and place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag before throwing it in the trash. Remember to remove any personal information on the prescription label of empty medicine bottles or medicine packaging before recycling or throwing away the empty bottle or packaging. For more information about discarding medication in the trash, visit:

www.fda.gov/drugs/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know/drug-disposal-dispose-non-flush-list-medicine-trash.

We're here to help

If you have any questions about safely disposing of medication, call Member Services at **1-855-670-5934 (TTY: 711)**. You can also visit the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at: www.hhs.gov/opioids/prevention/safely-dispose-drugs/index.html.

Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations

Barnstable	CVS Pharmacy 176 W. Main Street Hyannis, MA 02601	CVS Pharmacy 6 Head of the Bay Road Bourne, MA 02532	CVS Pharmacy 9 West Road Orleans, MA 02653
Bristol	CVS Pharmacy 1145 Kempton Street New Bedford, MA 02740	CVS Pharmacy 284 Winthrop Street Taunton MA 02780	CVS Pharmacy 191 N. Main Street Attleboro, MA 02703
Essex	CVS Pharmacy 425 Lowell Avenue Haverhill, MA 01832	Greater Lawrence Family Health 34 Haverhill Street Lawrence, MA 01841	Mass General/North Shore Outpatient Center 102 Endicott Street Danvers, MA 01923
Hampden	CVS Pharmacy 600 State Street Springfield, MA 01109	Holyoke Health Center 230 Maple Street Holyoke, MA 01040	CVS Pharmacy 1001 Thorndike Street Palmer, MA 01069
Hampshire	CVS Pharmacy 165 University Drive Amherst, MA 01002	Walgreens 225R King Street North Hampton, MA 01060	CVS Pharmacy 151 N. Main Street Belchertown, MA 01007
Middlesex	Walgreens 54 Plain Street Lowell, MA 01851	CVS Pharmacy 891 Main Street Woburn, MA 01801	CVS Pharmacy 1280 Worcester Road Framingham, MA 01702
Norfolk	Walgreens 418 Quincy Avenue Quincy, MA 02169	CVS Pharmacy 67 Central Street Foxboro, MA 02035	CVS Pharmacy 19 Eastern Avenue Dedham, MA 02026
Plymouth	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital 275 Sandwich Street Plymouth, MA 02360	CVS Pharmacy 19 Summer Street Bridgewater, MA 02324	CVS Pharmacy 207 Rockland Street Hanover, MA 02339
Suffolk	Walgreens 841 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116	Revere Healthcare 300 Ocean Avenue Revere, MA 02151	CVS Pharmacy 3 Woodside Avenue Winthrop, MA 02152
Worcester	CVS Pharmacy 400 Park Avenue Worcester, MA 01610	CVS Pharmacy 57 Rollstone Road Fitchburg, MA 01420	CVS Pharmacy 24 W. Main Street Northborough, MA 01532