Safely Dispose of Unused/Unwanted Prescriptions

Prevent misuse by removing unused and unwanted medications from your home.



Medication Disposal Kiosks

In-store medication disposal units at pharmacies and other facilities accept prescription drugs, over-the-counter medications, liquid medication bottles, and other controlled substances.
View local takeback locations at **bit.ly/CO-Takeback-Locations**, including Safeway, CSU Health Network, and more.

Prepaid Mail-Back Envelopes

Drug mail-back envelopes are available to purchase at some retail pharmacies or online from organizations such as DisposeRx.

DisposeRx also has an at-home solution that, when combined with warm water, turns medications into a biodegradable gel, which can be safely discarded.

Flush List

Some medications are on the FDA flush list (**bit.ly/FDA-Safe-Flush**) for immediate disposal with specific instructions for each medicine. This should only be done as a last resort! By not putting unused medications down the drain or into the trash, you also preserve Colorado's environment and wildlife.

Household Disposal

To safely throw away prescriptions with your household trash, follow these steps.

- Take the medicine out of its container and mix it with other unpleasant garbage such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds. Do not crush pills or capsules.
- Place the mix in a sealable bag or container that won't leak and place it in the trash.
- Remove your Rx number and personal information from the medicine bottle and throw it out with the rest of your trash, or thoroughly wash for reuse.



Safely disposing of your medications helps prevent misuse and accidental overdose, and helps to preserve Colorado's wildlife and environment.