Proper Medication Disposal

**DON'T:** Flush medications

**DO:** Return medications to drug take-back programs or follow steps for household disposal

Call your local trash and recycling services and ask about drug take-back programs available in your community

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**Household Disposal Steps**

1. Take prescription drugs out of their original containers

2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance such as cat litter or used coffee grounds

3. Put the undesirable mixture into a disposal container with a lid, such as an empty butter container, or into a sealable bag.

4. Conceal or remove personal information from empty prescription containers.

5. You may now place both the empty unidentifiable pill container as well as the undesirable drug mixture in the trash.

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