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How to dispose of Expired, Unused, or Unwanted Medicine

1st Choice: MEDSAFE Medication Drop Box (Amnesty Box) Pharmacy Lobby

Accepted Items

- ✓ Prescription Medications
- ✓ Controlled Substance Medications
- ✓ Over-The-Counter Medications
- ✓ Vitamins
- ✓ Medicated Lotions/Ointments/Creams
- ✓ Transdermal Skin Patches
- ✓ Liquid medication in Leak-Proof Containers



Unacceptable Items

- × Needles (Sharps)
- × Inhalers
- × Thermometers
- × Aerosol Cans
- × Contraband Drugs
- × Business Waste
- × Hydrogen Peroxide
- × Personal Care Products
- × Infectious Waste/Medical Waste
- × Any items too large for the drop box opening

2nd Choice: Household Disposal

1. Remove expired, unused, unwanted prescription medications from their original containers.
 2. Mix medications with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee ground.
 3. Put mixture into a disposable container with a LID, such as an empty margarine tub, or a sealable bag (Ziplock).
 4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including prescription number on the empty container(s) by covering it with permanent marker or duct tape, or scratch it off.
 5. Place the container with the drug mixture in the trash. Empty medication bottles with personal information can also be placed in the trash.
- !! DON'T: Flush expired, unwanted or unused medications or over the counter medications down the toilet.
- !! DO: Place items from the "Accepted" list in the MEDSAFE box at FAHC.