



Safe disposal of prescription drugs MAP content  
(Compliant with Section 6103 of the SUPPORT Act)

To keep you and others safe, get rid of expired, unwanted, or unused medicines through a drug take-back program or at home as soon as possible.

**What I should do:**

- Remove any personal information, including Rx number, from the medication packaging before you get rid of it.
- The best way to get rid of your unused medicines is to use a drug take-back program. You can:
  - Ask your pharmacist if they can get rid of the medicines that you no longer need.
  - Use the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) website (<https://takebackday.dea.gov/>) or call (800) 882-9539 to find another drug take-back site near you if your pharmacist cannot get rid of your medicine.
  - Mail unused medicines to DEA approved pharmacies or collection sites in a special pre-paid package. Check with your pharmacy or local take-back site for more information on mail-back programs.
- If you cannot use a take-back program, and the medicine label does not have instructions for getting rid of your medicines, you can follow these simple steps to throw the drugs in your trash:
  1. Take the medicine out of its original container and mix it with something unappealing, like used coffee grounds, dirt or cat litter.
  2. Put the mix in a bag or something you can close to keep the medicine from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag.
- If you need to throw away your inhaler, talk to your trash and recycling facility to make sure you follow local laws.
- Do not flush medicines down the sink or toilet unless there are instructions telling you to on the medicine label or patient information that came with the medicine.
- You can find a complete guide on how to get rid of all of your medicines at <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/prevention/safely-dispose-drugs/index.html>