



# PROTECT YOUR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNUSED MEDICINES

## WHAT SHOULD YOU DO WITH YOUR EXPIRED OR UNWANTED MEDICINES

There are a number of ways to dispose of expired or unwanted medications.

Go to [www.medtakebacknewyork.org](http://www.medtakebacknewyork.org) to learn more.



CONVENIENT  
KIOSK  
LOCATIONS



MAIL-BACK



TAKE-BACK  
EVENTS

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or call (844) 482-5322



## WHY IS SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL IMPORTANT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH?

**Proper disposal of unused  
drugs saves lives and  
protects the environment.**

- Unused or expired prescription medications can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold.
- Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.



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## BEFORE DISPOSAL CHECK THE PACKAGE

If there are specific instructions for disposal on the label, package or package insert, please follow those instructions.

## DISPOSAL OPTIONS



### CONVENIENT KIOSK DROP OFF LOCATIONS

To find drug disposal kiosk drop-off sites in your area, visit [www.medtakebacknewyork.org](http://www.medtakebacknewyork.org)



### MAIL-BACK ENVELOPES

Mail-Back Services for Unwanted Medicines. Visit the Mail-Back section of [www.medtakebacknewyork.org](http://www.medtakebacknewyork.org) to order a Mail-Back Package.



### TAKE-BACK EVENTS

Local Take-Back events offer residents a free and convenient way to dispose of expired or Unwanted Medicines. Visit the Take-Back Events section of the DEA site at [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov) for information on events in your area.

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## WHAT CAN YOU DISPOSE OF IN A KIOSK OR MAILBACK ENVELOPE?



### ACCEPTED:

Medications in any dosage form, except for those listed below, in their original container or sealed.\*

\*If transferring medications to a sealed bag, please be sure to recycle all remaining packaging



### NOT ACCEPTED:

Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, and illicit drugs.

