

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 medtakebacksanmateo.org to learn more.



CONVENIENT
KIOSK
LOCATIONS



MAIL-BACK



TAKE-BACK
EVENTS

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go to medtakebacksanmateo.org
or call 844-482-5322



Please reference the [CDC's Patient Safety Guidelines](#) for proper storage of medication.



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

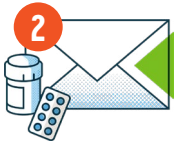
If there are specific instructions for disposal on the label, package or package insert, please follow those instructions.

DISPOSAL OPTIONS



CONVENIENT KIOSK DROP OFF LOCATIONS

To find drug disposal kiosk drop-off sites in your area, visit medtakebacksanmateo.org.



MAIL-BACK ENVELOPES

Mail-Back Services for Unwanted Medicines. Visit the Mail-Back section of medtakebacksanmateo.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 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.

