



Safe Disposal of Medicine



Do you have unused or expired medicine?

Protect your family and the environment by properly disposing your medications at a pharmaceutical collection location.

Pharmaceutical Collection Locations

Return your medications in the original container to one of the many pharmaceutical collection locations throughout the state. Always blackout personal information on the container before returning it to a collection location.

Commonly accepted items include:

- Most prescription and over-the-counter products
- Vitamins and other dietary supplements
- Homeopathic remedies
- Pet medications

Prohibited items include:

- Illegal drugs
- Sharps
- Medications that include special safety protocols or registration with the drug manufacturer.

Contact your pharmacist or your nearest collection location if you have any questions about disposal options for your specific medication.

The best way to dispose of unwanted medicine is through a [collection program](#). In addition, instructions on how to safely dispose of your medications from home may be found at www.epa.illinois.gov/medication-disposal

