## How to Dispose of Unwanted Medications





Proper disposal of expired or unwanted prescription and overthe-counter medications protects the health of the community by preventing accidental overdose and potential abuse of these medications. It also protects our water supply and environment.

## NEVER DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS BY FLUSHING THEM DOWN THE TOILET OR DRAIN!

## HOW TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS:



- 1. Keep the medicines in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
- 2. Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
- 3. For pills: add water or soda to start dissolving them. For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter or dirt.
- 4. Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
- 5. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a detergent container.
- 6. Tape the container closed.
- 7. Hide the container in the trash.
- 8. Do not put in the blue recycling cart.

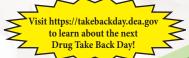
## DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAMS

Residents may take expired or unwanted medications to the following locations:

Walgreens at 1705 US Hwy 1 in Vero Beach, CVS at 8495 US Hwy 1 in Wabasso, and Walmart Pharmacy at 2001 US Hwy 1 in Sebastian

Please do not bring sharps to the medication disposal boxes or put them in the blue recycling cart.





Important: Residents may only transport prescription medications that have been prescribed to them, not any belonging to friends or relatives. Transport medications in their original container.

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