

How to Dispose of Unwanted Medications



Proper disposal of expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-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!

Below are two options for proper disposal of medications:

SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS

1. Keep the medicines in the original container.
2. Mark out your name and prescription number.
3. For pills: Add some water or soda to start dissolving them.
For liquids: Add something inedible like cat litter, dirt, or cayenne pepper.
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 coffee can or plastic laundry bottle.
6. Tape the container closed.
7. Hide the container in the trash.
Do not put in recycle bin.

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.

THE DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM

- Take expired or unwanted medications to the Indian River Co. **Sheriff's Office** (4055 41st Ave, Vero Beach), for proper disposal.
- Call ahead to **772-978-6169** during regular business hours (8:00 am to 5:00 pm) to assure a Deputy is available to receive medications.
- For residents who are homebound and have at least a fair amount of medication for disposal, the Sheriff will **send out a deputy** to collect them.

Watch for the next Drug Take-Back Day!



Demonstration of safe medicine disposal:



For more information, call the Solid Waste Disposal District at 772-770-5112

