

Proper disposal of unneeded or expired medication can prevent prescription drug misuse and accidental poisonings. It can also protect the environment. Drop off unneeded or expired prescription medications at a local drug take-back location. If no medicine take back programs or DEA-authorized take back events are available and no specific disposal instructions were provided, follow these steps to dispose most medicines in the household trash:



- 1** Mix medicines (do not crush) with an unpalatable substance (i.e., dirt, kitty litter, or used coffee grounds)
- 2** Place the mixture in a container with a lid or sealable plastic bag
- 3** Throw the container in your household trash
- 4** Eliminate all personal information on the medicine bottle and dispose the container



When in doubt about proper disposal, contact your local pharmacist.

Source: FDA

**DRUG
TAKE
BACK
CONTAINER**

Resources:

Illinois EPA: Medication - <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/medication-disposal>

Disposal Locations: <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s1>

Need Help?
1.833.2FINDHELP
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