COLORADO MEDICATION TAKE-BACK PILOT PROJECT

A secure, convenient and environmentally sound option for the disposal of unused and unwanted household medications

Where Can I Dispose of My Unused Medications?

Place your medications in the secure collection boxes at these locations:

<u>King Soopers</u>

3400 Youngfield Street, Wheat Ridge
4271 S. Buckley Road, Aurora
9551 S. University Blvd, Highlands Ranch
2810 Quebec Street, Denver
100 Founders Parkway, Castle Rock
1173 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen

<u>Tri-County Health Department</u>

4857 S. Broadway, Englewood
4201 E. 72nd Ave., Suite D, Commerce City

<u>Denver Health</u>

Wellington E. Webb Center for Primary Care, 301 W. 6th Avenue, Denver

<u>City Market</u>

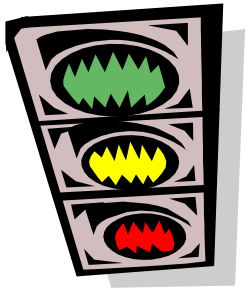
300 Dillon Ridge Road, Dillon
400 North Parkway, Breckenridge

For more information call 303-692-2903
Or visit www.coloradomedtakeback.info

What Can I Dispose of in the Collection Boxes?

Yes

- **Prescription Medications, *except for narcotics or controlled substances***
- **Over-the-Counter Medications**
- **Medication Samples**
- **Pet Medications**
- **Vitamins**
- **Liquid Medication in Glass or Leak-Proof Containers**
- **Medicated Ointments and Lotions**
- **Inhalers**



No

- **Narcotics and Other Controlled Substances**
- **Bloody or infectious waste**
- **Personal Care Products**
- **Hydrogen Peroxide**
- **Aerosol Cans**
- **Thermometers**
- **IV Bags**
- **Needles**
- **Plastic Bags**
- **Empty Containers**
- **Business Waste**

Why Should I Use the Colorado Medication Take-Back Pilot Project?

- **The project offers a way to clear your home of the medications you no longer need – helping to protect the safety of your loved ones, while also protecting the environment.**
- **Unused medications may fall into the hands of small children and cause accidental poisoning.**
- **Older children and teens may be tempted to experiment with easily available medications, causing harm to themselves or their friends.**
- **Flushing or trash disposal of unused and unwanted medications can cause pollution of lakes, streams and water supplies.**
- **Medications collected in the take-back project are destroyed by incineration for the highest degree of environmental protection.**

What if the Project is not Available in My Area?

- **Contact your local city or county to see if another medication take-back project is available where you live.**

What if I Still Can't Find a Take-Back Project?

- **If you do not have access to the Colorado take-back project or another local project, do not flush your medications down the toilet or drain.**
- **Proper trash disposal of medications is your next best option.**
- **Follow the steps listed below. The same steps should be followed for the disposal of narcotics and other controlled substances.**
  - **Take the medications out of their containers. Mix them with an undesirable substance like kitty litter or used coffee grounds.**
  - **Conceal or remove personal information, including Rx number, on the empty medicine containers by covering it with black permanent marker or by scratching it off.**
  - **Wrap the medication mixture and the empty containers in newspaper to help conceal them from children and pets and place them in the trash.**

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is managing the project with funding and other support from:

- **Pollution Prevention Advisory Board**
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- **Aurora Water**
- **Rotary of Evergreen**
- **Consortium for Research and Education on Emerging Contaminants**
- **High Country Conservation Center**
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- **Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority**
- **Metro Wastewater Reclamation District**
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