Where Can I Dispose of My Unused Medications?

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

**King Soopers**
- 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

**Tri-County Health Department**
- 4857 S. Broadway, Englewood
- 4201 E. 72nd Ave., Suite D, Commerce City

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

**City Market**
- 300 Dillon Ridge Road, Dillon
- 400 North Parkway, Breckenridge

For more information call 303-692-2903
Or visit [www.coloradomedtakeback.info](http://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
- Empty Containers
- Business Waste

*COLORADO MEDICATION TAKE-BACK PILOT PROJECT*

*A secure, convenient and environmentally sound option for the disposal of unused and unwanted household medications*
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 in an environmentally protective manner.

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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- EPA Region 8
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- Summit Water Quality Committee
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- Castle Rock Adventist Health Campus
- Consolidated Mutual Water Company
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- Centennial Water and San. District
- Littleton-Englewood WW Treatment
- Bear Creek Watershed Association
- Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
- Consortium for Research and Education on Emerging Contaminants
- King Soopers and City Market
- Tri-County Health Department
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