

# 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:

### 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. 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Suite D, Commerce City

### Denver Health

Wellington E. Webb Center for Primary Care, 301 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver

### City Market

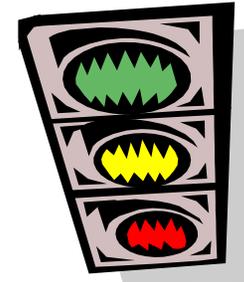
300 Dillon Ridge Road, Dillon  
400 North Parkway, Breckenridge

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

## 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.

## Project Sponsors

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is managing the project with funding or locations provided by:

- Pollution Prevention Advisory Board
- EPA Region 8
- Denver Water
- Aurora Water
- Summit Water Quality Committee
- Rotary of Evergreen
- Castle Rock Adventist Health Campus
- Consolidated Mutual Water Company
- Standley Lake Cities (Westminster, Northglenn, Thornton)
- 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
- Denver Health



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