

Facts About Drug Disposal

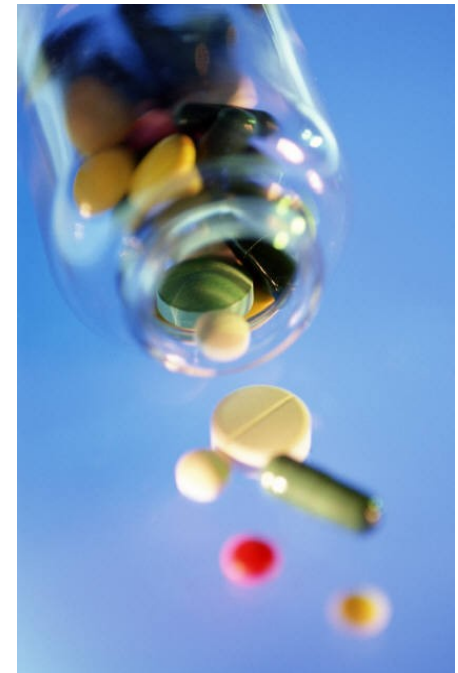
- Unused medicine flushed or rinsed down the sink can harm the environment.
- Drugs can be taken out of your trash and used or illegally sold.
- Children and animals may be poisoned by taking these drugs.
- Drugs are not always removed by sewage treatment facilities and septic tank systems. The drugs can enter the water supply and soil.
- Research studies show that exposure to drugs found in our water is having an affect on fish and animals.



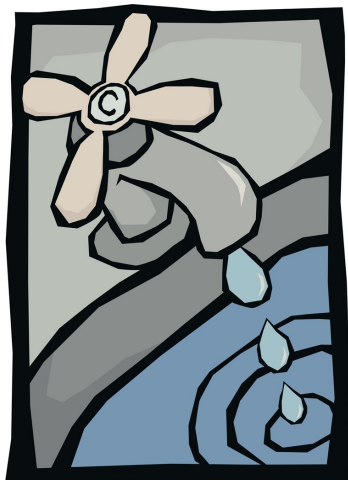
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Proper Disposal of Prescription Medication



NO MEDICATIONS DOWN THE SINK OR TOILET



If you are like most people, you have prescription drugs and other medications you no longer need in your medicine cabinet.

Those medications can be misused, and can harm the environment if they are not disposed of properly.

**DO NOT FLUSH!
DO NOT POUR!**

TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS:

- Remove all personal identification from the prescription bottles
- Mix unused pills with wet coffee grounds, kitty litter, or some other undesirable substance
- Mix liquid medications with flour
- Place the mixture in a sealable plastic bag and put it in the trash on the day of pick up



WHY SHOULD I TAKE THE TIME TO DO THIS?

Prevent Abuse, Poisoning, and Pollution!

Drug abuse is very common

Abuse of prescription drugs has increased among teenagers and young adults.

More than half of people who abuse painkillers get the drugs from friends or relatives without their knowledge.

You can prevent accidental poisoning

Young children and pets can find medicine in your home or in your trash.

They may be taken by accident, on purpose, or illegally sold.