



PROTECT YOUR COMMUNITY AND WATER SUPPLY

DON'T FLUSH OR POUR MEDICATION DOWN THE TOILETS OR DRAINS

Use a Permanent Dropbox or Drug Take Back Day

- Permanent dropboxes will take medications any time of the year during business hours. Liquids and sharps (needles and syringes) are not accepted.
- In Fairfax County, Drug Take Back Days occur twice a year. Check with your local pharmacy or law enforcement agency.

Get a Deactivation Kit

Deactivation kits contain a substance that neutralizes medications. Fairfax County offers deactivation kits. To use:

- Place unused medication in pouch. Each pouch can deactivate 45 pills or 6 oz. liquid or 6 patches.
- Fill halfway with warm tap water and wait 30 seconds.
- Seal, gently shake pouch and throw out in normal trash.

Mix Medications with an Inedible Substance and Throw in the Trash

Check the pill bottle for any instructions on proper disposal. If none are present, follow these steps:

- Remove medication from original containers. Do not crush tablets or capsules.
- Mix medication with undesirable substance like kitty litter or used coffee grounds.
- Place mixture in a sealable bag or container and throw away in trash.
- Black out all personal information on the prescription label so that it is unreadable.

Guidance for Sharps Disposal

Sharps are more commonly known as needles and syringes. Use the following steps for disposal of this home generated medical waste:

- Use a RIGID CONTAINER with a screw-on cap such as an empty laundry detergent bottle or bleach bottle.
- LABEL the container "CAUTION! SYRINGES - NEEDLES. DO NOT RECYCLE."
- CLIP the needle and carefully place into labeled container or RECAP or RE-SHEATHE the needle.
- After container is full, SEAL with screw-on lid and WRAP tape over the lid.
- DISPOSE of the sealed, full container with your household trash. DO NOT place in the recycle bin.



Permanent Dropbox Locations

West Springfield Police Station
6140 Rolling Rd
Springfield, VA 22152
(703) 644-7377

Town of Herndon Police Station
397 Herndon Parkway, #300
Herndon, VA
(703) 435-6846

Walgreens Pharmacy
Available in the following locations:
Alexandria
Annandale
Centreville
Springfield

Spectrum Healthcare Resources
10580 Arrowhead Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
(571) 432-2600

Kaiser Reston
1890 Metro Center Drive
Reston, VA 20190
(703) 709-1560

Deactivation Kit Locations

Annandale District Office
7611 Little River Tnpk., 400-E
Annandale, VA 22003
(703) 534-8343, TTY 711

Herndon-Reston District Office
1850 Cameron Glen Dr., #100
Reston, VA 20190
(703)481-4242, TTY 711

Mount Vernon District Office
8350 Richmond Hwy., #233
Alexandria, VA 22309
(703)704-5203, TTY 711

Springfield District Office
8136 Old Keene Mill Rd., A-100
Springfield, VA 22152
(703) 569-1031, TTY 711

Joseph Willard Health Center
3750 Old Lee Hwy.
Fairfax, VA 22030
(703)246-7100, TTY 711

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



Protect Your Community and Water Supply
Don't Flush Medicines or Pour Down Drains

Safely dispose of unused or expired medication at convenient locations.

Visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback



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For more information on proper disposal of medications go to:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal

For more information on guidance for sharps disposal go to:
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/sharps-medical-waste