

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Gather all unwanted medication from drawers, medicine cabinets, etc. Leave items in their original containers. If you wish, you may use a black marker to cover your name on prescription bottles. Do NOT cover the name of the medication.
2. Check the list to make sure that you are only disposing of items that are accepted.
3. Bring accepted items to the Spokane Valley Police Precinct, located at 12710 E. Sprague Ave. Your items will be quickly **screened to make sure they don't** include items that cannot be accepted. No questions will be asked, and personal information will NOT be collected.
4. Place the items into the secure locked box provided. Items will be kept in a secure facility, and the containers will be destroyed along with the medications.

WHY?

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs, and supplements are involved in more than half of unintentional child poisoning incidents. In 2004, the Washington Poison Center received 60,000 calls about possible poisonous exposures to humans. More than 90% of those calls were related to poisonings in the home. Fifty-two percent of the incidents involved children under six years old.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Prescription drug abuse is a serious and growing problem in our communities. Abuse of medicines is increasing rapidly, with serious consequences. Drug overdoses have surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of accidental deaths in Washington.

FOR OUR WATERS

When residents dispose of medicines in the toilet or sink, these contaminants are passed on to municipal wastewater treatment systems or septic systems. Many pharmaceuticals cannot be effectively removed by these systems and have been measured in wastewater discharge. Low levels of several pharmaceuticals have been documented in surface water, ground water, drinking water, marine waters, soils, and sediments.

DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM



Keeping unused, unwanted and expired medications in your home poses a risk to you, your family, and your community. When disposed of improperly, medications can still be obtained for illegal use or can contaminate our waters.

To provide you with an easy, secure and responsible way to properly dispose of medications, the Spokane Valley Police Department is partnering with local pharmacies to establish a Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program.

Spokane Valley Police Dept.
12710 E. Sprague Avenue
(509) 477-3300

ACCEPTED ITEMS INCLUDE:



- Prescription Pills
- Narcotics
- Over-the-Counter medications such as Aspirin
- Vitamins
- Medications for Pets



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Needles/Syringes
- Thermometers
- Inhalers
- IV bags or bloody infectious waste
- Personal Care Products
- Aerosol Cans
- EpiPens
- Glass or Metals
- Hydrogen Peroxide or other chemicals
- Any mercury or iodine products

WHAT TO DO WITH ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED UNDER THE DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM:

Items NOT accepted may be disposed of by taking them to your local household hazardous waste facility.

In Spokane Valley, contact:

The Spokane Valley University
Transfer Station

2405 N. University Rd.

509-924-5678

Or, refer to the FDA's website at:

WWW.FDA.GOV



Thank you for correctly disposing of your unwanted medications. Your efforts help prevent abuse of medications and reduce the risks of accidental poisonings.