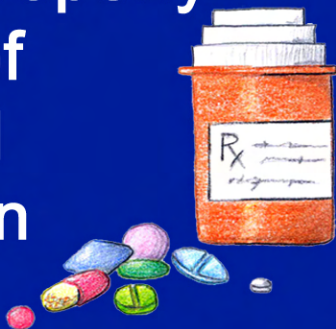


How To Properly Dispose of Unwanted Medication



The water we drink comes from our streams, lakes, rivers and underground aquifers. So, it's very important that each person does his or her part to reduce the pollution that enters the waterways that carry our drinking water.

Pharmaceuticals can enter our waterways through several different pathways:

- 💧 Pets & Livestock
- 💧 Human waste
- 💧 Improper disposal of medicine

Do your part to limit the release of pharmaceuticals, of any type, back into the environment. Properly dispose of unused medications by following the guidelines provided on the reverse side.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy recommends that you:

- 💧 Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers & *throw them in the trash*.
- 💧 *Mix prescription drugs with an undesirable substance*, such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter, and put them in impermeable, non-descript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags.
- 💧 *Don't flush* prescription drugs down the toilet unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs doing so.
- 💧 Take advantage of *community pharmaceutical take-back programs* that allow the public to bring unused drugs to a central location for proper disposal.
- 💧 *For more information* on pharmaceuticals in the environment visit the following websites:

<http://wrd.clermontcountyohio.gov/PrescriptionDrugs.aspx>

<http://www.smarxtdisposal.net/>

www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip_disposal.pdf

<http://www.epa.gov/ppcp/faq.html>

www.drinktap.org/consumerdnn/Home/tabid/53/Default.aspx then click on "Water Quality"

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