

Prescription Drug Disposal

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The best way to safely dispose of most types of old, expired, or unused medicines

Medicine take back options are the best way to safely dispose of **most** types of unneeded or expired prescription and over the counter medicines.

Note that there are a few, select medicines with specific instructions to **immediately flush** down the toilet **only** if a drug take back option is not readily available.

There are generally two kinds of take back options:

Permanent Collection Sites (listed to the right)

Periodic Events

Before disposing of prescription medicines using a drug take back option, be sure to remove all personal information on the label of pill bottles or medicine packaging.

Do note that all medicines dropped off at these locations will be destroyed and discarded. If you are interested in donating your medication, use the site's online resource to determine whether pharmaceutical donation and reuse programs exist in your state.



Permanent Collection Sites:

- **Walgreens**—703 South Memorial Dr. Prattville
- **CVS**—708 E. Main St. Prattville
- **Montgomery Drug Co Inc**—37 Mitchell Dr. Montgomery
- **Baptist Tower Pharmacy**—2055 E. South Boulevard, Suite 107, Montgomery
- **Adams Drugs**—1633 Perry Hill Rd, Montgomery

Permanent Collection Locations and Sites

Some facilities and business are registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect old, unused, unneeded, or expired medicines. Authorized drug locations safely and securely gather and dispose of pharmaceuticals containing controlled substances, as well as other medicines.

In your community, such authorized collection locations may be in retail pharmacies, hospital or clinic pharmacies, and law enforcement agencies/ facilities. Some authorized collectors may also offer mail back programs or collection receptacles (drop off boxes) to assist you in safely disposing of your unused medicines.

Visit an authorized drug collection site near you or call the DEA Diversion Control Division Registration Call Center at 1-800-882-9539 for more information.