

MEDICINE: PROPER DISPOSAL

You may have medicines at home that are no longer needed. This will teach you how to dispose of the medicine correctly.

Before you throw away the drug container, remove personal information, like the prescription label, to protect your identity.

PILLS

Put all the leftover medicine in a sealable plastic bag and add enough water to dissolve the medicine. Add some unwanted material like coffee grounds or kitty litter. Throw it away in the trash, where children and pets cannot reach it.

LIQUID MEDICINES, EYE OR EAR DROPS, AND NOSE SPRAYS

Mix the leftover medicine with an unwanted material like coffee grounds or kitty litter, and place the mixture in a container or a sealable plastic bag that will not leak. Throw the container away in the trash where children and pets cannot reach it.

PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK PROGRAMS

Ask if your pharmacy can take back medicine for safe disposal or if they know where you can take your medicine.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

Picture 1 Ask your pharmacist or doctor any questions you have about medicines.



WHEN TO FLUSH PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Flush drugs down the toilet **only** if the label (or patient information that came with the medicine) tells you to. See following table for a list of drugs that **should be** flushed.

Medicine	Active Ingredient
Actiq , oral transmucosal lozenge *	Fentanyl Citrate
Avinza , capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate
Daytrana , transdermal patch system	Methylphenidate
Demerol , tablets *	Meperidine Hydrochloride
Demerol , oral solution *	Meperidine Hydrochloride
Diastat/Diastat AcuDial , rectal gel	Diazepam
Dilaudid , tablets *	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Dilaudid , oral liquid *	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Dolophine Hydrochloride , tablets *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Duragesic , patch (extended release) *	Fentanyl
Embeda , capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate; Naltrexone Hydrochloride
Exalgo , tablets (extended release)	Hydromorphone Hydrochloride
Fentora , tablets (buccal)	Fentanyl Citrate
Kadian , capsules (extended release)	Morphine Sulfate
Methadone Hydrochloride , oral solution *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Methadose , tablets *	Methadone Hydrochloride
Morphine Sulfate , tablets (immediate release) *	Morphine Sulfate
Morphine Sulfate , oral solution *	Morphine Sulfate
MS Contin , tablets (extended release) *	Morphine Sulfate
Onsolis , soluble film (buccal)	Fentanyl Citrate
Opana , tablets (immediate release)	Oxymorphone Hydrochloride
Opana ER , tablets (extended release)	Oxymorphone Hydrochloride
Oramorph SR , tablets (sustained release)	Morphine Sulfate
Oxycontin , tablets (extended release) *	Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Percocet , tablets *	Acetaminophen; Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Percodan , tablets *	Aspirin; Oxycodone Hydrochloride
Xyrem , oral solution	Sodium Oxybate

*These medicines have generic versions available or are only available in generic formulations.