

SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITY



Is your medication cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use? Your medication is for YOU. What is safe for you may be harmful to someone else. You can dispose of your expired, unwanted, or unused medication through a drug take back box – or you can do it at home.

DENVER HEALTH MEDICATION TAKE BACK PROGRAM

Dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused medications, including controlled substances, safely. Denver Health now has medication collection bins located at eight (8) of their full service pharmacy locations. Just drop your unwanted medications into the bin for safe and secure disposal. It is as easy as that!

What Can be Disposed?

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Opioids and other controlled substances
- Prescription patches
- Prescription creams and ointments
- Unused (empty) medication inhalers

What Can NOT be Disposed?

- Trash
- Sharps or syringes
- Thermometers
- Illicit drugs (including marijuana)
- Follow specific instructions provided below



HOME MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Almost all medications can be thrown into your household trash. These include prescription and over-the-counter medications (pills, liquids, patches, creams, ointments and empty inhalers).



1
Mix with an unappealing substance



2
Place in a sealed container



3
Throw into household trash



4
Scratch out personal information

Follow these steps:

- 1 Remove the drugs from their original containers and mix them with something undesirable**, such as used coffee grounds, dirt or cat litter. This makes the medicine less appealing to children and pets and unrecognizable to someone who might intentionally go through the trash looking for drugs.
- 2 Put the mixture in something you can close** (a re-sealable zipper storage bag, empty can, or other container) to prevent the drug from leaking or spilling out.
- 3 Throw the container in the garbage.**
- 4 Scratch out all your personal information** on the empty medicine packaging to protect your identity and privacy. Throw the packaging away.

Disposal of Inhaler Products

These products could be dangerous if the inhalers still contain medication, if they are punctured or thrown into a fire or incinerator. If your inhaler still has medication, please dispose of it in your household trash as described above. Only empty inhalers may be disposed of in the "Take Back Bins".

Flushing Medications

If you are unable to access a medication drop box, some prescription drugs — such as powerful narcotic pain medicines and other controlled substances — should be flushed down the drain to reduce the danger of overdose from unintentional or illegal use.

MEDICATION DROP PHARMACY LOCATIONS

Bernard F. Gipson Eastside Family Health Center
501 28th St.
Denver, CO 80205
M-F 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Federico F. Peña Southwest Family Health Center and Urgent Care
1339 S. Federal Blvd.
Denver, CO 80219
M-F 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

La Casa Quigg Newton Family Health Center
4545 Navajo St.
Denver, CO 80211
M-F 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Lowry Family Health Center
1001 Yosemite St.
Denver, CO 80230
M-F 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Primary Care (Webb) Pharmacy, Main Campus, Pavilion G
301 W. 6th Ave.
Denver, CO 80204
M-F 8:30a.m. - 6 p.m.

Montbello Family Health Center
12600 E. Albrook Dr.
Denver, CO 80239
M-F 9AM-5PM
(Closed 12:30-1 p.m.)
Sa 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Outpatient Medical Center Main Campus, Pavilion L
660 N. Bannock St.
Denver, CO 80204
7 Days a Week
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center
1100 Federal Blvd.
Denver, CO 80204
M-F 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sa 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.