

PROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **DO NOT FLUSH MEDICATIONS DOWN THE TOILET OR PUT DOWN THE SINK**
- Wastewater Treatment Plants do not treat or remove medications
- Residual drugs may harm people and the environment
- Follow these steps to safely dispose of medications



1) CONTACT YOUR PHARMACY OR MEDICAL OFFICE

Many large pharmacies have installed safe medication disposal kiosks in their store. Check these websites to see if one is available in your area:

Arizona Department of Health Services Rx Drug Drop Off Locations

Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations



3) CITY OF PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT DROP BOXES

The following convenient locations have medication disposal drop boxes for pills, patches, ointments, vitamins, samples, pet medications, and prescription drugs. Needles, sharps, aerosols, inhalers, medical waste, lotions, liquid medicines, and thermometers are not permitted.

Police Downtown Headquarters	620 W. Washington St., 85003
Black Mountain Precinct	33355 N. Cave Creek Rd., 85331
Cactus Park Precinct	12220 N. 39th Ave., 85029
Central City Precinct	1902 S. 16th St., 85034
Mountain View Precinct	2075 E. Maryland Ave., 85016
Maryvale-Estrella Mtn. Precinct	2111 S. 99th Ave., Tolleson, 85353
Maryvale Precinct-Substation	6180 W. Encanto Blvd., 85035
Desert Horizon Precinct	16030 N. 56th St., 85254
South Mountain Precinct	400 W. Southern Ave., 85041



2) DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS

A list of medication drop-off events in Maricopa County, Arizona can be found at the Maricopa County Attorney's Event Calendar.



4) DISPOSE AT HOME

Mix medications with cat litter or used coffee grounds and place in a sealed disposable container or plastic bag. Throw away the container in the trash. Be sure to cover up or remove personal information from medicine bottles or containers before throwing the empty container in the trash.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A COPY OF THIS PUBLICATION IN AN ALTERNATE FORMAT, CONTACT THE WATER SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 602-262-1859 / 602-534-5500 TTY / ASK.WATER@PHOENIX.GOV.