

# SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL

## DISPOSAL

When medication is no longer needed it's important to dispose of it properly to avoid harm to others. Many times, unused and old medications are stolen and misused.

A safe choice for medication disposal is a medication drop box. This is a secure "mailbox" located in police stations and other public locations across the state. Medications are collected from drop boxes by the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and properly destroyed. These locations cannot be used for needles, syringes or inhalers.

To find a disposal site near you visit [OBND.DD.OK.GOV/programs-and-services/rx-take-back-program](https://OBND.DD.OK.GOV/programs-and-services/rx-take-back-program)



## CALL US

If you have questions about medication disposal call **1-800-222-1222**. Specially trained pharmacists and nurses are available 24/7 to answer your questions or assist you with an emergency.

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## DISPOSAL IN HOUSEHOLD TRASH

- Mix medications with an unpleasant substance such as dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds.
- Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag or rinsed bleach or liquid laundry detergent container.
- Throw the container in your household trash.
- Scratch out all personal information on the label of your empty pill bottle to make it unreadable.
- Additional information on medications that can be flushed down the toilet such as fentanyl patches can be found at [FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov)



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