## In Washington, every day can be drug take-back day

Free, convenient, safe, and environmentally responsible

Safely disposing of medication helps reduce poisonings, overdoses, and suicide attempts. It also helps protect our environment.

Safe Medication Return is Washington's system for disposing of unwanted household medication, including pet medication.

What can Safe Medication Return accept?

## Yes

All over-the-counter and prescription medications, including medical devices that contain medication and pet medication, unless it is on the No list.

## No

- Illegal drugs
- Vitamins, minerals, and supplements
- Herbal-based and homeopathic remedies
- Cannabis products
- Personal care products like toothpaste or sunscreen
- Medical devices that **do not contain** any medication
- Exposed needles or sharps
- Business-generated pharmaceutical waste

## **Medication Return Tips**

Liquid medication, inhalers, gels, patches, and ointments should be in their original containers. Pills, capsules, tablets, and powders can be mixed in an original container or sealed bag. Recycle packaging material when possible.

Medical devices that include a needle, such as an autoinjector or securely capped syringe, cannot be disposed of at drop-off kiosks. They should be returned using injector mailers.

Safe Medication Return is managed by two companies, Inmar Intelligence and MED-Project. Look for their drop-off kiosks when you are disposing of unwanted medication.

Questions? Contact <u>SafeMedReturn@doh.wa.gov</u> or 360-236-4698.

Find drop-off kiosks and order free mail-back supplies at



medtakebackwashington.org

or by calling 844-4-TAKE-BACK (844-482-5322)

