

Where to Dispose Unwanted or Expired Medications

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		Resident category	
		Assisted	Independent (no med service)
Vitamins/supplements/herbs		If from Mercury, complete form and return to Mercury.	
		Or remove HIPAA info, place in regular trash.	
OTC medications		If from Mercury, complete form and return to Mercury.	
		Or remove HIPAA info, take to drug takeback kiosk or mail back.	
Prescription medications		If from Mercury, complete form and return to Mercury.	
		Or remove HIPAA info, take to drug takeback kiosk or mail back.	
Controlled substances		Or destroy on site (in Drug Buster), then trash.	
		Destroy on site (in Drug Buster or coffee grounds), witnessed by two authorized staff. Except: fentanyl - flush down toilet.	Remove HIPAA info, take to drug takeback kiosk or mail back.
Hazardous drugs (HD)		If from Mercury, complete form and return to Mercury.	
		Note some "hazardous drugs" are ok to put into chemical destruction, check with the manufacturer of the destruction product	
Sharps		Remove HIPAA info, take to drug takeback kiosk or mail back	
		Place in sharps container.	
used Inhalers, creams, ointments		Except in Seattle, can put sealed sharps container in trash.	
		Deposit full containers with biomedical waste management service.	
Used patches		Remove HIPAA info, place in regular trash.	
		Fold sticky edges together, place in regular trash.	
Liquids		Except: fentanyl - flush down toilet.	
		If from Mercury, complete form and return to Mercury.	
	Or pour in Drug Buster or flush in sink if not controlled or hazardous.		
	Or remove HIPAA info, take to drug takeback kiosk or mail back.		