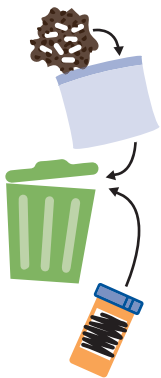


Keep Water Healthy & Safe. Do Not Flush Medicines!

Unused or unwanted medicines can harm families, the community and the environment. Drugs can be abused -- and flushing them poses the threat of chemicals entering our lakes, rivers, streams and drinking water. Be sure to properly get rid of medications you no longer want or need.



Disposing Medicines In Household Trash

- **Mix** medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpleasant substance such as dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds.
- **Place** the mixture in a container like a sealed plastic bag.
- **Throw** the container in your household trash.
- **Scratch out** all personal information on the prescription label of your empty pill bottle or packaging to make it unreadable, then dispose of the container.

Medication Disposal Sites

For pills, patches, pet medication and vitamins. No liquids or gel caps.

There are many locations throughout Franklin County where you can safely dispose of medications for free. Learn more and find a location near you:

- www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch
- www.swaco.org/196/Pharmaceutical

Learn more: www.Columbus.gov/opiatecrisis

Protect Your Family & Community. Safely Get Rid of Needles.

It is important to safely get rid of used needles and lancets (sharps) to protect yourself and others. Used needles can hurt people and spread diseases. Never throw a used needle or sharp into the trash!

Always Put Needles In A Sharps Container


- **Use a hard plastic bottle** with a screw top (bleach/laundry detergent/coffee can). *Do not use a glass jar because it can break.
 - **Seal the cap** tightly and use duct tape if necessary to keep the lid from coming off.
 - **Label** the bottle “Danger. Needles Inside.”
 - **Place** the bottle in a tied trash bag and put it in a trash can.
- **Use an outdoor** needle drop box.
- **Buy one** at the pharmacy.



If you or a loved one are suffering from addiction, there is help! Call Netcare Access Crisis Hotline: 614-276-CARE (2273).

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