

Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases and when they are no longer needed it is important to dispose of them properly to help reduce harm from accidental exposure or intentional misuse.

Follow these simple steps to dispose of medicines in the household trash

MIX

Mix medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, kitty litter, or used coffee grounds;



PLACE

Place the mixture in a container such as a sealed plastic bag;



THROW

Throw the container in your household trash;



SCRATCH OUT

Scratch out all personal information on the prescription label of your empty pill bottle or empty medicine packaging to make it unreadable, then dispose of the container.



Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from their home as quickly as possible to help reduce risks.

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Prevent Misuse!

Medication Disposal Site Listing

Johnson County, KS



Why?

Safely disposing of unwanted or expired medications prevents unintentional poisoning of children and pets, deters intentional misuse by teenagers and adults and keeps medicines from entering streams and rivers if they are poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

What items are accepted at disposal sites?

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for Pets

How?

When disposing of unwanted medications, you can leave them in their original packaging. Protect your privacy by peeling off the prescription label or use a permanent marker to cover your personal information. Medicinal ointments, lotions or liquids can be sealed in a plastic bag and placed in the collection boxes or dropped off. Non-medicinal ointments, lotions or liquids can be disposed of in your trash.

To dispose of needles (sharps) safely, place used sharps in an empty container like a laundry detergent bottle or other opaque, sturdy container with a screw-top lid. Insert the needles point first, mark the bottle "Do Not Recycle," and store with the cap tightly screwed on.

When the container is half full, seal the cap with duct tape and place in the garbage (not recycling). Never place loose needles, syringes, or lancets in the trash.

Not Sure?

When in doubt about how to safely dispose of a medication or medical device, check with your pharmacist.

Name	Location	Hours	Type
Johnson County Sheriff's Office	27747 W. 159 th St. New Century (Gardner Area) 913-715-5800	M – F 8am – 5pm	Collection Box
Leawood Justice Center	4201 Town Center Dr. Leawood 913-642-5555	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Lenexa Police Dept.	12580 W. 87 th Pkwy 913-477-7300	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Merriam Police Dept.	9010 W. 62 nd St. 913-322-5560	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Mission Police Dept.	6090 Woodson 913-676-8300	M – F 8am – 5pm	Collection Box
Overland Park Police Dept.	Sanders Justice Ctr. 12400 Foster 913-895-6300	M – F 9am – 4pm	Collection Box
Overland Park Police Dept.	M.E. Scafe Justice Ctr. 8500 Antioch 913-327-6881	M – F 9am – 4pm	Collection Box
Prairie Village Police Dept.	7710 Mission Road 913-642-6868	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Roeland Park Police Dept.	4600 W. 51 st St. 913-677-3363	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Shawnee Police Dept.	5850 Renner Road 913-631-2155	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Walgreens Pharmacy	7500 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park 913-341-1725	24 hrs/day	Collection Box
Cedar Creek Pharmacy	8960 Commerce Dr. Suite 4A Desoto 913-583-1117	M – F 9am – 6pm Sat 9am – 1pm	Drop-Off
Hy-Vee Pharmacy	6655 Martway Mission 913-894-1983	M – F 8am – 9pm Sat/Sun 8am – 6pm	Drop-Off
Hy-Vee Pharmacy	8501 W. 95 th St. Overland Park 913-894-1983	M – F 8am – 9pm Sat/Sun 8am – 6pm	Drop-Off
SM Medical Center Pharmacy	9100 W 74 th St. Shawnee Mission 913-789-3976	M – F 9am – 5:30pm	Drop-Off
St. Luke's South Hospital	12300 Metcalf Ave. Overland Park 913-317-7000	M – F 9am – 5:30pm	Drop-Off

*Listing is subject to change.