



# How can you properly dispose of unwanted medicines?

## Here are some options.

- **CVS Pharmacy** offers drop-off collection sites at some of its stores through its Safer Communities program.
- **Walgreens** offers medication disposal kiosks at select locations.
- **Dispose my Meds** provides information on medication disposal programs at independent pharmacies.
- **Many law enforcement departments** in South Carolina offer take-back programs. Call your local police department to learn what options may be available.
- **The Annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day** is set for April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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For links to take-back programs and more information, please visit [www.scdhec.gov/recycle](http://www.scdhec.gov/recycle) and click on "Unwanted Medicine."

The take-back day, which is sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, sets up a nationwide network of collection sites.

If a take-back or mail back program is not available, most other unused or expired medicines can be disposed of in your household garbage. Follow these steps.

- **Remove your unwanted medicine from their original containers.**
- **Mix the medicine (do not crush tablets or capsules) with an undesirable substance** such as cat litter, dirt, flour or used coffee grounds.
- **Place the mixture in a container** such as a sealed plastic bag or empty margarine tub.
- **Throw the container in your household trash.**

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# Midlands Unwanted Medication Take-Back Locations

Please call participating locations to ensure that drop-off services are still available.

| DROP-OFF SITE                                       | ADDRESS                             | TELEPHONE                  | SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  |
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| Chapin Pharmacy                                     | 138A Amicks Ferry Rd., Chapin       | (803) 345-1114             | —   |
| Chapin Police Department                            | 157 NW Columbia Ave., Chapin        | (803) 345-6443             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| City of Columbia Police Department                  | 811 Washington St., Columbia        | (803) 545-3500             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| CVS Pharmacy Store #5549                            | 1008 Lake Murray Blvd, Irmo         | (803) 749-3843             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| CVS Pharmacy Store #7334, Safer Communities Program | 5608 Sunset Blvd., Lexington        | (803) 957-5322             | Drop Box available. Liquid medicines that contain less than 4 ounces must be in a Ziplock bag. Needles, inhalers, creams and aerosols ARE NOT accepted. |
| Hawthorne Pharmacy on Sunset                        | 2854 Sunset Blvd., W. Columbia      | (803) 794-7990             | Patient name and address must be scratched out. Controlled substances ARE NOT accepted.   |
| Irmo Police Department                              | 1230 Columbia Ave., Irmo            | (803) 781-8088             | Drop Box available. Liquid medicines that contain less than 4 ounces must be in a Ziplock bag. Needles, inhalers, creams and aerosols ARE NOT accepted. |
| Lexington County Sheriff's Department               | 521 Gibson Rd., Lexington           | (803) 785-8230             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Lexington Police Department                         | 111 Maiden Ln., Lexington           | (803) 359-4164             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Medicine Mart of Lexington                          | 348B Columbia Ave., Lexington       | (803) 957-5969             | Controlled substances ARE NOT accepted.   |
| Pelion Police Department                            | 611 Pelion Road, Pelion             | (803) 785-2521             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Richland County Sheriff's Department                | 5623 Two Notch Rd., Columbia        | (803) 576-3000             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Sadler-Hughes Apothecary                            | 216 S. Broad St., Clinton           | (864) 833-4000             | All medications are accepted.   |
| South Congaree Police Department                    | 119 West Berry Rd., W. Columbia     | (803) 755-2760<br>Ext. 105 | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Springdale Police Department                        | 2915 Platt Springs Rd., W. Columbia | (803) 796-3160             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |
| Walgreens Store #7399                               | 423 W. Main St., Lexington          | (803) 957-3071             | Drop Box available. Liquids, needles, inhalers, creams, aerosols and liquids ARE NOT accepted. Medications must be dry.                                 |