

Sharps and Unused Prescription Drugs Disposal

Proper Disposal of Unused Prescription Drugs

Federal prescription drug disposal guidelines urge Americans to follow the instructions listed below when disposing of prescription drugs:

- Take unused, unneeded, or expired prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- Mix the prescription drugs with an undesirable substance, like used coffee grounds or kitty litter and put them in impermeable, nondescript containers, such as empty cans or sealable bags, further ensuring that the drugs are not diverted or accidentally ingested by children or pets.
- Throw these containers in the trash

OR

Drop them off at West Whiteland Township Building Police Department

OR

CVS, Walgreens, Rite-Aid, Kroger and Winn-Dixie sell pre-paid postage envelopes (\$3.99) that allow customers to mail unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications to Sharp Compliance's Texas facility for disposal. Controlled substances are excluded from the program.

OR

Disposal Options for Pharmaceuticals
Gateway Pharmacy
165 Nutt Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460 610-933-2609

Stericycle – Home Sharps Disposal Mailback
866-STERI-CALL
www.stericycle.com/consumer-needle-disposal
www.disposemy meds.org – put in your zip code

Community Volunteers in Medicine
300 Lawrence Drive
West Chester, PA 19380
610-836-5998
www.cvim.org

Disposal Tips for Home Health Care Waste

The suggested disposal for residents with Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets) is as follows:

1. Place all sharps in a puncture-resistant, hard plastic container. An empty detergent or 2 liter soda bottle or empty coffee can will do. Disinfect with a small amount of bleach.
2. Seal the lid with heavy duty tape and place in with your trash.