

Unused Patient Medication Disposal

Approximately 4 billion prescriptions are filled in the United States annually, and it has been estimated that as much as 35% of the dispensed medication goes unused, resulting in over 200 million pounds of pharmaceutical which could adversely affect the environment if disposed of improperly.¹

- **Environmental and health risks:** Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove pharmaceutical from water supplies. For this reason, the Office of National Drug Control Policy advises against flushing medications down the toilet. Although the complete impact of pharmaceutical in ground water and other sources of drinking water is not yet known, cumulative exposure to pharmaceutical by humans, animals and aquatic life could have detrimental effects on reproduction and development.²
- **Unintended-use risks:** Intentional or accidental ingestion of left over medications by children, pets, or others can occur from improper storage and trash disposal of medications. In addition, taking expired medications or drugs no longer indicated or prescribed can lead to harmful side-effects and drug interactions.

Sharps® TakeAway™ is the quick, easy solution to proper disposal of unwanted or unused medication, excluding controlled substances.

- **Convenient turn-key solution includes shipping and regulated disposal**
- **Accepts both medication cards and vials so no more popping medications from blister packs**
- **No hidden fees**

Sharps® TakeAway™ Products:

TakeAway™ Envelope

(Size: 11" x 8")

10-Gallon TakeAway™

(Size: 14.125" x 14.125" x 12.5")

20-Gallon TakeAway™

(Size: 14.125" x 14.125" x 24")

**For more information please call
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¹ Associated Press Investigative Report: www.ap.org <<http://www.ap.org>>

² EPA PCPP: www.epa.gov/ppcp <<http://www.epa.gov/ppcp>>