

Keep Medicine From Becoming a Poison!

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Unwanted Medicine in Our Homes

The home medicine cabinet has become a problem. It is one of the most common places people go when looking for drugs to get high. Also, many young children get poisoned from taking medicine not intended for them.

If you have expired or unused medication in your home, you may be feeding these problems without knowing it.

Many people think it's okay to flush medicine in the toilet or throw it in the trash. However, these are not good options for disposal because they pollute our water and soil.

What You Can Do

In Pierce County, there are currently 21 places that you can drop off unwanted medicine in secure drop-boxes. These places include law enforcement agencies and pharmacies. A list of drop-box locations is on the back of this sheet.

You can also drop off unused medicine at special events sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and local law enforcement agencies every year in the spring and fall.

What Medicine Will They Accept?

Drop-boxes accept most prescription and over-the-counter medicine from the home. This includes pet medicine.

They **don't** accept:

- Vitamins and supplements.
- Herbal and homeopathic drugs.
- Personal care products, like toothpaste.
- Injector products or medical devices without medicine in them.
- Biological products like vaccines and botox.
- Schedule I drugs, like marijuana.



Don't let unused or unwanted medicine contaminate our water and soil or get into the wrong hands.

EXPANDED SOLUTIONS

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is considering a regulation that would expand this program to make it more convenient for residents. The regulation proposes to:

- Expand drop-box locations to more places in Pierce County.
- Provide an option to dispose of unused medicine by mail, for free.
- Have the pharmaceutical industry pay for these programs.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK.

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health will vote on a proposed regulation Dec. 7, 2016. They want to hear your thoughts.

Visit our website at www.tpchd.org/medicine-return for comment options.



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Current Drop-Box Locations

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Buckley Police Department

132 S Cedar St Buckley, WA 98321
Phone: (360) 829-3157
7 days a week/24 hours a day

Dupont Police Department

1780 Civic DR, Dupont, WA 98327
Monday - Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-5 p.m.

Eatonville Police Department

201 Center St W Eatonville, WA 98328
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Edgewood Police Department

2224 104th Ave E Edgewood, WA 98372
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fife Police and Courts

3737 Pacific Highway E Fife, WA 98424
7 days a week/24 hours a day

Gig Harbor Police Department

3510 Grandview St, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lakewood Police Department

9401 Lakewood DR SW, Lakewood, WA 98499
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lakewood- Walgreens Pharmacy

9505 Bridgeport WAY SW Lakewood, WA 98499
Pharmacy: 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Lakewood Okubo Family Medicine Clinic – Pharmacy

(Only available to Military, Dependents and Retirees)
11582 C St, JBLM
Phone: (253) 966-1991, Option 8
Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
1-3:45 p.m.

Parkland/Spanaway Sheriff's Department Precinct

495 Shandon Wright Way S, Tacoma, WA 98444
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

South Hill Sheriff's Department Precinct

271 John Bananola Way E, Puyallup, WA 98374
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Puyallup Police Department

311 W Pioneer Way, Puyallup, WA 98371
7 days a week/24 hours a day

Steilacoom Public Safety Building

601 Main St, Steilacoom, WA 98388
Monday - Friday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-5 p.m.

Sumner Police Department

1104 Maple St, Sumner, WA 98390
Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tacoma Police Department - Headquarters

3701 S Pine St, Tacoma
(253) 591-5900
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tacoma Police Department - Sector One

1524 Martin Luther King Junior Way, Tacoma
(253) 594-7800
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tacoma Police Department - Sector Two

5140 N 26th St, Tacoma
(253) 573-2508
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tacoma Police Department - Sector Three

1501 S 72nd St, Tacoma
(253) 594-7838
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. -9 p.m.

Tacoma Police Department - Sector Four

400 E 56th St Tacoma
(253) 594-7947
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tacoma- Walgreens Pharmacy

15225 Pacific Avenue S
Tacoma, WA 98444
Pharmacy: 7 days a week, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Madigan Army Medical Center Pharmacy (Only available to Military, Dependents and Retirees)

9040 Jackson Ave, Tacoma
Phone: (253) 968-1110
Monday - Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



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