



City of Phoenix

# Proper Disposal of Medications



## How Can You Help?

- Do not flush medications down the toilet or put down the sink
- Wastewater Treatment Plants do not treat or remove medications
- Residual drugs may harm people and the environment
- Follow these steps to safely dispose of medications

### 1) Contact Your Pharmacy or Medical Office

Many large pharmacies have installed safe medication disposal kiosks in their store. Check these websites to see if one is available in your area:

[Arizona Department of Health Services Rx Drug Drop Off Locations](#)

[Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substance Public Disposal Locations](#)



### 2) Drug Take Back Events

A list of medication drop-off events in Maricopa County, Arizona can be found at the [Maricopa County Attorney's Event Calendar](#).



### 3) City of Phoenix Police Department Drop Boxes

The following convenient locations have medication disposal drop boxes for pills, patches, ointments, vitamins, samples, pet medications, and prescription drugs. Needles, sharps, aerosols, inhalers, medical waste, lotions, liquid medicines, and thermometers are not permitted.



Police Downtown Headquarters	620 West Washington Street, 85003
Black Mountain Precinct	33355 North Cave Creek Road, 85331
Cactus Park Precinct	12220 North 39 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, 85029
Central City Precinct	1902 South 16th Street, 85034
Mountain View Precinct	2075 East Maryland Avenue, 85016
Maryvale-Estrella Mountain Precinct	2111 South 99th Avenue, Tolleson, 85353
Maryvale Precinct-Substation	6180 West Encanto Boulevard, 85035
South Mountain Precinct	400 W Southern Avenue, 85041

### 4) Dispose at Home

Mix medications with cat litter or used coffee grounds and place in a sealed disposable container or plastic bag. Throw away the container in the trash. Be sure to cover up or remove personal information from medicine bottles or containers before throwing the empty container in the trash.

