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# Proper Disposal of Prescription Medicines and Over-the-Counter (OTC) Products

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# Safe Disposal Options

- “How to Dispose of Unwanted Medicines” fact sheet
- Drug Disposal Drop Boxes at many police stations
- Pre-paid mailers available at some chain pharmacies (for a small fee)
- Special Collections sponsored by the federal government or towns
- Additional information available at:  
[http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2708&q=335480&deepNav\\_GID=1763](http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2708&q=335480&deepNav_GID=1763)



# Do Not Flush!

Although using the toilet or sink prevents someone from accidentally taking the medications, disposing of them in this way causes water pollution and has adverse effects on septic systems, sewage treatment plants, fish and other aquatic wildlife. Trace amounts of all kinds of drugs have also been found in some drinking water supplies because they pass through septic systems and sewage plants untreated.



# Sat 4/28/18 – National Drug Takeback Day

- One-day event sponsored by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Drop-off locations in CT as part of this event can be searched for on the [DEA website](#)
- Note that all such one-day events need proper authorization from DEEP!
  - [DEEP General Permit](#)
- [List of Vendors](#) authorized under the GP (Rev. 1/17/17)
- Contact WEED Permitting for further information.



# Questions?

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