

How to Safely Dispose of Unused Medicines & Sharps

Basic Medicine Disposal Tips

- **Flushing Medicines:** Check the label, the patient medication handout, or the FDA's list of flushable medicines. ONLY flush medicines if they are specifically listed.
- **Trash Disposal:** Most medicines, except those on the FDA flush list, can be safely thrown in your household trash. Follow these steps:
 - Mix medicines with something unpleasant, like coffee grounds, dirt, or cat litter
 - Put the mixture in a container that can be closed, like a zipper bag or empty can, to prevent leaks or spills.
 - Throw the container away in your regular trash after removing personal information from the medication container.

For more information from the FDA, visit: bit.ly/41jM1LX

Medication Drop-Off Sites

Your unused medications (not sharps) can be safely turned in at the following Tuscarawas County locations with no questions asked.

- **Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office (Available 24/7 on every day of the year)**
2295 Reiser Avenue SE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663
- **Newcomerstown Police Department (Call prior to drop-off.)**
124 W. Church St, Newcomerstown, OH 43832
- **Sugarcreek Police Department (Call prior to drop-off.)**
126 S. Broadway, Sugarcreek, OH 44681
- **Dennison Police Department (Call prior to drop-off.)**
302 Grant St. (2nd Floor), Dennison, OH 44621



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How to Dispose of Sharps with Your Household Trash:

- **Homemade Containers:** Use rigid, leak-proof, puncture-resistant containers like detergent bottles, bleach bottles, or coffee cans with taped lids.
- **Avoid Unsafe Options:** Do not use glass containers (break risk) or thin plastic containers like milk jugs (easily punctured).
- **Label Clearly:** Mark all homemade sharps containers with "SHARPS" in large block letters on all sides.
- **Do Not Recycle:** Never place homemade sharps containers in the recycle bin.

For more information from the EPA, visit: bit.ly/3AUYhYo