Protect your community and water supply! Don't flush medications down the toilet or drain.

MEDICATION TAKE BACK DAY





Saturday, September 26, 2015 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at participating locations

Safely dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications at over 50 participating locations throughout the Washington region. To find the closest location, visit **bit.ly/Medtakeback** or call **1-800-882-9539**.

The National Drug Take Back initiative is coordinated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and promoted regionally by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and local law enforcement agencies, water utilities, and health agencies.

With the exception of controlled substances, many unwanted medicines can be discarded with household trash by following the instructions below. If you are unsure if your medication is a controlled substance, consult a licensed pharmacist or check local laws to determine if trash disposal is an option.

- 1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.
- 2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
- 3. Put mixture into a disposable container that can be sealed, like a plastic bag.
- 4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.

Improper disposal of medications can cause big problems in our community



Water pollution, accidental ingestion, substance abuse or illegal distribution

We all have a role in keeping our communities safe.