



## Safely Disposing of Unwanted Medications in Snohomish County

All medicines that your family and your pets use should be properly disposed of at a **drug take-back program**. Currently, prescription drugs can be taken to various pharmacies and law enforcement locations throughout Snohomish County.

### **Pharmacy Drop-Off Locations**

All prescription drugs, EXCEPT narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances" can be taken to the following pharmacy locations in Snohomish County:

Edmonds Bartell Drugs (23028 100<sup>th</sup> Ave W)  
Everett Group Health Cooperative (2930 Maple St.)  
Lake Stevens Bartell Drugs (621 SR 9 NE)

Lynnwood Bartell Drugs (17633 Hwy 99)  
Lynnwood Group Health Coop (20200-54<sup>th</sup> Ave. W)

### **Law Enforcement Drop-Off Locations**

All prescription drugs, INCLUDING narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances" can be taken to the following law enforcement locations:

Arlington Police (controlled substances only)  
Bothell Police  
Brier Police  
Darrington Police  
Edmonds Police  
Everett Police (North & South Precincts)  
Gold Bar Police  
Granite Falls Police  
Lake Stevens Police  
Lynnwood Police  
Marysville Police  
Mill Creek Police  
Monroe Police

Mountlake Terrace Police  
Mukilteo Police  
NCIS – Naval Station Everett  
Snohomish Police  
Snohomish County Sheriff – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Courthouse  
Snohomish County Sheriff – North Precinct  
Snohomish County Sheriff – South Precinct  
Snohomish County Sheriff – Jail  
Stanwood Police  
Stillaguamish Tribal Police  
Sultan Police  
Tulalip Tribal Police  
Washington State Patrol

### **Last Resort Disposal Instructions**

If you are not able to get to one of the take-back locations listed, follow these "last resort" steps before carefully disposing of your medicines in the trash. Disguising your medicines before disposing them in the garbage is critical to prevent a child, teen or pet from getting the medicines and accidentally ingesting them.

For chemotherapy drugs, contact your prescribing doctor's office as they may accept return of those medicines.

For all other drugs:

- Do not flush medicines down the toilet or drain.
- Keep the medication in its original container.
- To discourage consumption of the medicines, add something unappealing, such as kitty litter or coffee grounds.
- Do not crush the pills.
- Tape the container lid shut with tape, place in a sealable bag, and then place in a non-transparent container to ensure that the contents cannot be seen.
- Discard the container in the garbage. Do not place in the recycling bin. Make sure your trash cannot be accessed by children, pets, or others who might be looking in the garbage for drugs.

### **Additional Information**

Additional information about specific medicines, other types of accepted medical waste and a complete list of drop off locations can be found at: <http://www.takebackyourmeds.org>.