

Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program

Items that can or cannot be accepted

Can be accepted:

- Prescription medications, including prescribed controlled substances (DEA Schedule II- V).
- Over-the-counter medications.
- Liquid medications (small amounts in original, non-leaking containers).
- Medicated patches (Used Fentanyl and Duragesic® patches are extremely hazardous. They may be folded in half, sticky-side together, and flushed down the toilet.)
- Medication samples.
- Medicated ointments.
- Vitamins.
- Pet medications.
- Unused drug injection cartridges, e.g. unused EpiPens® and insulin pens (**must be unused with needle still protected inside**).
- Unused inhaler canisters, e.g. Advair®, Spiriva®, ProAir® and Ventolin® (**must be unused, no empty canisters or unneeded plastic holders/mouth pieces**).

Cannot be accepted:

- Marijuana.
- Illicit drugs (e.g. DEA Schedule I drugs like heroin, LSD, etc).
- Needles, syringes, and other sharps.
- Chemotherapy drugs.
- Medical tools and supplies.
- Bloody or infectious waste.
- Personal care products.
- Thermometers.
- Empty containers.
- Medication wastes generated by health care facilities, including nursing homes.

