

Did you know that the locations below will take your old prescriptions all year round and properly dispose of them? Review for options available:

<b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>Take Back Program?</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Walgreens</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Only 205 E. Eisenhower and 3690 Garfield Avenue participate. No needles &amp; no liquids.</b>
<b>Safeway</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mailbox type drop-off, box does close with pharmacy, all locations should participate.</b>
<b>Good Day</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mailbox type drop-off, no illicit or chemotherapy drugs, preferred in original container, no marijuana.</b>
<b>Genoa Healthcare</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mailbox type drop-off outside, must be in original bottle, no illicit drugs, no needles/sharps, box is open when pharmacy open (M-F 8:30am-5pm).</b>
<b>Banner Family</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mailbox type drop-off, no chemo or injectables, box open when pharmacy is open.</b>
<b>Sunrise Community Health Center</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mailbox type drop-off (Blue) in pharmacy, no questions asked.</b>

**Sharps Disposal Locations:**

**Northern Colorado Health Network:** 400 Remington St., #100, Fort Collins, CO

**Larimer County Household Hazardous Waste Facility:** 5887 S. Taft Hill Rd, Fort Collins, CO

**If you find any illegal drugs in the city of Loveland, please call the Loveland Police Department to have an Officer respond to safely collect it.**

**How to Dispose of Medicines at home, according to the FDA:**

When a take back option is not easily available, there are two ways to dispose of medicines at home, depending on the medication. They are as follows:

- 1) Flushing:** Because some medications could be especially harmful to others, they have specific directions to immediately flush them down the sink or toilet when they are no longer needed, and a take-back option is not readily available.

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Flushable medicine? Check the label or the patient information leaflet with your medicine or consult the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's list of medicines recommended for disposal by flushing when a take back option is not readily available. Remember, don't flush your medicine unless it is on the flush list.

- 2) **Household Trash Disposal:** If a take back program is not available, almost all medicines, except those on the FDA flush list can be thrown into your household trash. These include prescription and over the counter (OTC) drugs in pills, liquids, drops, patches, and creams.

Follow these steps:

- Remove the drugs from their original containers and mix them with something undesirable, such as used coffee grounds, dirt, or cat litter. This makes the medicine less appealing to children and pets and unrecognizable to someone who might intentionally go through the trash looking for drugs.
- Put the mixture in something you can close (a re-sealable zipper storage bag, empty can, or other container) to prevent the drug from leaking or spilling out.
- Throw the container in the garbage.
- Scratch out all your personal information on the empty medicine packaging to protect your identity and privacy. Either recycle or throw the packaging away.

Question about your medicine? You can always ask your health care provider or pharmacist.



## Resources

<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines>

Flush List- <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/disposal-unused-medicines-what-you-should-know/drug-disposal-fdas-flush-list-certain-medicines>

FDA published paper about their flush list- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28787777>