

Guidelines for Proper Disposal of Household Medication

Over the counter and prescription medications should not be disposed down the drain because wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical compounds and they may end up in your local waterways, and may eventually be found in drinking water. Properly disposing of unwanted and expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications in the trash promotes a healthy aquatic environment and prevents accidental poisoning and intentional abuse.

4 Steps for Proper Medicine Disposal

1. Keep medicine in original container. Mark out personal information on prescription bottles.
2. Mix liquid medicine with undesirable substances like coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt. Dilute pills with water, then add coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt.
3. Place bottles in an opaque container, like a yogurt container, and secure lid; or wrap in a dark colored plastic bag.
4. Hide the container in the trash. Do **NOT** recycle.

Do **NOT** dispose of medication down the drain or toilet.

Do **NOT** keep excess or expired medication around the home.

Prevent water pollution, Promote a healthy environment, Properly dispose of your unneeded and expired medication.

Nearest medicine drop-off location:

Robbinsville Township Police Department
(located in the lobby)
1117 Route 130
Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691

How to Safely Dispose of Your Syringes in Your Municipal Trash

Follow these steps to safely dispose of your syringes in your municipal trash. Your syringes must be placed in rigid containers that will protect people from needle sticks and use containers that are unlikely to break open on its way to the landfill.

1. **Rigid Container** You may use empty laundry detergent bottles or 2-liter soda bottles or other rigid containers with screw-on caps to dispose of needles and syringes.
2. **Label/Warning** Place a large label with a warning on the empty container.
Example: SYRINGES—DO NOT RECYCLE
3. **Needle Clipper Clip the Needle** You can buy an inexpensive hand held needle clipper from the pharmacy. After clipping the needle, carefully place each of your used needles and syringes into your rigid container and close.
4. **Seal** When you are ready to dispose of your syringes, seal the bottle tightly and wrap duct tape over the lid.
5. **Disposal** You may now dispose of you **labeled and tightly sealed** container in your household trash. Do **NOT** recycle.