

## Waste Medicine Disposal in Skagit County

**Avoid medicine accumulation.** Make sure your doctor and pharmacist are only supplying you with medications you will use. Decline free samples unless you know it is the correct quantity of a medication you can use. Review your medicines frequently and remove those that will not be used.

**Dispose of medicines correctly. NEVER put medicines down the drain. Deposit unused medicines in a law enforcement collection box if possible. Collection locations and types of medicines accepted:**

**Skagit County Sheriff's Office** - 600 South Third Street, Mount Vernon

Hours 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday

**Swinomish Tribal Police** - 17353 Reservation Road, La Conner

Hours 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday

**Accept Liquid or Pill form of**

Prescription drugs  
Over the counter drugs  
Vitamins  
Inhalers  
Unused Epi Pens

**Do Not Accept**

IV bags  
Bloody or infectious waste  
Needles or syringes  
Used Epi pens  
Personal care products  
Thermometers  
Aerosol cans

**City of Anacortes Police Department\*** - 1218 24th Street, Anacortes

Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday

**City of Mount Vernon Police Department** – 1805 Continental Place, Mount Vernon

Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday

**City of Sedro Woolley Police Department** - 325 Metcalf Street, Sedro Woolley

Hours 10:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday

**Washington State Patrol** - 2700 - 116th Street Northeast, Marysville

Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday, closed 12-1pm for lunch

**All Accept Pill\* form only of**

Prescription drugs  
Over the counter drugs  
Vitamins

\*All pills must be removed from containers  
and placed into a paper bag

**Do Not Accept**

Liquids in bottles or IV bags  
Bloody or infectious waste  
Needles or syringes  
Epi pens  
Personal care products  
Thermometers  
Aerosol cans  
Inhalers

**If you cannot dispose of liquids or other medicines at a collection site please:**

1. Take the medicines out of their original containers.
2. Mix with an undesirable absorbent substance, such as cat litter, oatmeal, or used coffee grounds.
3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
5. Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, in the trash.

**If you have questions regarding sharps disposal or other hazardous waste disposal please contact the Skagit County Environmental Public Health Department at 416-1500 or visit our website at**

**[www.skagitcounty.net/EH](http://www.skagitcounty.net/EH).**