

Dane County Assisted Living Quality Program
RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS

1. Follow the prescriber's instructions and use all medications as instructed.
2. If all prescribed or over-the-counter medications are not used, taking the following steps will make a positive impact on the environment and in safeguarding lives.
3. **DO NOT FLUSH** unused medications, and **DO NOT POUR** them down a sink or drain.
 - a. Be proactive. Dispose of unused medication in the household trash. To protect children and pets from potentially negative effects:
 1. Put medication in a sealable plastic bag. If medication is a solid (pill, liquid capsule, etc.), crush it or add water to dissolve it.
 2. Add kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds, or any material that mixes with the medication to make it less appealing to pets and children to eat.
 3. Seal the plastic bag and put it in the trash.
 4. Remove and destroy ALL identifying personal information (prescription label) from the medication containers before recycling them.
 5. Consult your pharmacist with any questions.
4. ***The FDA advises that the following drugs should be flushed down the toilet instead of thrown in the trash:***
 1. Actiq (fentanyl citrate)
 2. Daytrana Transdermal Patch (methylphenidate)
 3. Duragesic Transdermal System (fentanyl)
 4. OxyContin Tablets (oxycodone)
 5. Avinza Capsules (morphine sulfate)
 6. Baraclude Tablets (entecavir)
 7. Reyatax Capsules (atazanavir sulfate)
 8. Tequin Tablets (gatifloxacin)
 9. Zerit for Oral Solution (stavudine)
 10. Meperidine HCl Tablets
 11. Percocet (Oxycodone and Acetaminophen)
 12. Xyrem (Sodium Oxybate)
 13. Fentora (fentanyl buccal tablet)