

# Medicine Disposal

Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare supports disposing of unused medicines in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. We can't take back leftover drugs, but we offer information about how to dispose of leftover medicines as safely as possible.

It is important to NOT keep extra medication after you are done using them, especially opioids and controlled substances such as oxycodone or diazepam. It is recommended you dispose of unused opioids if not used for two weeks following an acute illness or surgery.

## Drug Disposal Programs

Many counties and local law enforcement agencies participate in Take Back Days or year-round drop boxes to help residents safely dispose of unwanted medications.

This [\*\*Drug Enforcement Agency \(DEA\) website\*\*](#) can help find a registered take back site. You can search for the nearest drop site by entering your zip code or city.

There is a public drug disposal bin located in the same building as Gillette's St. Paul Clinic. The public main entrance to Regions Hospital, also known as the South Entrance, has a "Take-Back" medicine drop-off. This secured bin is located on the 1st floor near the south elevators. It is available year-round for drop-offs.

## No Drug Drop-Offs in Your Area?

For more information on how to properly dispose of unused medicines at home, visit the [\*\*FDA's information site\*\*](#).

Find [\*\*information in Spanish\*\*](#) on how to properly dispose of unused medicines at home.

Make An Appointment [\*\*651-290-8707\*\*](#) Refer a Patient [\*\*651-325-2200\*\*](#)

This information is for educational purposes only. It is not intended to replace the advice of your health care providers. If you have any questions, talk with your doctor or others on your health care team.

If you are a Gillette patient with urgent questions or concerns, please contact Telehealth Nursing at [\*\*651-229-3890\*\*](#).