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Proper disposal of medicines, whether they are prescription or over-the-counter medicines, is very important. Never throw away unused medicines in the trash, even if it is in a "child-proof" container. Children or pets may find the medicines and can get sick. Medicines should not be flushed down the toilet.

You can now return unnecessary medicines to your local pharmacist anytime. The pharmacy you choose does not have to be the same pharmacy where the medicine was originally bought.



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WHAT TO RETURN:

To help you return your expired and unused medicines the following is a list of accepted and not accepted products that can be disposed of at our pharmacy.

ACCEPTED

- All prescription drugs
- Nonprescription medicine
- Herbal products
- Vitamin and mineral supplements
- Throat lozenges

NOT ACCEPTED

- Sharps, needles or syringes
- Cosmetics, antiperspirants, antiseptic and medicated skin care products
- Hard surface and toilet disinfectant cleaners
- Contact lens disinfectants
- Sunburn protectants
- Mouthwashes and toothpastes
- Pharmaceuticals from physicians' offices or hospitals

For further information contact: Recycling Hotline of British Columbia
Greater Vancouver (604) 732-9253 Outside Greater Vancouver 1(800) 667-4321

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HOW

Members of the public are asked to gather up all medicines that have exceeded their expiry dates or if the expiry date is no longer clear, including:

- All unused or expired prescription drugs and medicines
- Any medicine in questionable condition
- Prescriptions that are not currently used
- Medicine whose use is uncertain; and
- Medicine with incomplete or missing labels.

Return these medicines to pharmacies participating in the Medications Return Program, check with your pharmacist if you are unsure.

Safe disposal is important. It keeps drugs out of the hands of children and other people who might use them inappropriately. It keeps drugs out of landfill sites and water supplies. And it prevents the inadvertent use of expired medicines.

The Medications Return Program enables the safe disposal of expired and unused medicines.



A wide range of unused medicines, including prescription drugs, nonprescription and herbal products, and vitamin and mineral supplements, are accepted by pharmacies.