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PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAMS

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS

- Preferred method of drug disposal
- Held twice a year in most states

Learn more at

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html



TAKE BACK DROP BOXES LOCATED IN PHARMACIES, HOSPITALS OR CLINICS

Learn more at

<https://apps2.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/mai.n?execution=e2s1>

OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS

- Disposal bags can be given to patients at provider offices or pharmacies. Detera bags are one option. Learn more at https://sfenvironment.org/sites/default/files/fliers/files/medicinedisposalproducts_march2019.pdf
- When there are not other disposal options available, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) provides a flushable med list: <https://www.fda.gov/media/85219/download>. For medications not on this list, the FDA provides this video: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines>