

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
City of Anacortes Police Department* - 1218 24th Street, Anacortes
Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday

All Accept Liquid or Pill form of

Prescription drugs
Over the counter drugs
Vitamins
Inhalers
Unused Epi Pens

*Anacortes requests that pills be taken out of containers and placed in baggies.

Do Not Accept

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

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 336-9474 or visit our website at www.skagitcounty.net/EH .