



## ABOUT MEDS

Improper disposal or mishandling of medications can lead to misuse and environmental contamination. Improper disposal of medication in the regular trash is highly discouraged.

Wastewater treatment plants and septic tanks are not designed to filter our medications. Flushing medication down the toilet leads to contaminated rivers, lakes, and oceans.

Even low levels of medication exposure has negative effects on the environment and animals. It may also affect human health negatively.

Help keep prescribed medication out of the wrong hands by bringing unused medication to an authorized disposal location.

The safest and most responsible way to dispose of unwanted medication is to bring them to an authorized take back center for proper handling and disposal.



# MENDO RECYCLE

## ABOUT MENDORECYCLE

The Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MendoRecycle), works with local haulers to ensure trash, recycling and composting services are being provided to the public in a cost-effective and convenient manner.

## MENDORECYCLE OFFERS

Free recycled paint at  
3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah, CA 95482

Free HazMobile events throughout the county where customers may drop off household hazardous waste

Free Reuse Store where customers may pick up recovered household items at  
3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah, CA 95482

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)  
drop-off at 3200 Taylor Drive Ukiah

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# BE SMART WITH YOUR MEDICATION

how to properly dispose  
of your unused medication



# WHAT TO DO WITH UNUSED MEDS

Proper disposal of medication can keep you, your family, community, and the environment safe.



**DO** place loose pills in a plastic zipper bag



**DO** place liquid medication bottles in a separate bag



**DO** block out any personal information on prescription bottles



**DO** bring unused medication to a disposal or take-back program



**DO** keep medication away from children & pets



**DO** check your cabinets regularly for expired medication

# DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Drop off medication at MendoRecycle, participating medication collection centers like a pharmacy, doctor's office, or household hazardous waste (HHW) center. You may also mail your medication to participating mail-in collection programs. The following locations in Mendocino County can accept your unused medication.

- Fort Bragg Police Department
- Branscomb Pharmacy, Laytonville
- Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Ukiah
- Ukiah Police Department
- Willits Police Department
- Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital, Willits
- Baechtel Creek Medical Clinic, Willits



# WHAT NOT TO DO WITH UNUSED MEDS

Improperly discarded medication can get into the wrong hands, cause illness, and have negative effects on the environment. You can protect your family and community by following these simple rules.



**DO NOT** throw medication in the trash or recycling



**DO NOT** flush medication down the toilet



**DO NOT** ingest expired medication or leave it in your cabinets



**DO NOT** leave personal information on prescription bottles



**DO NOT** place medication in sharps containers