

Medication Disposal

DO NOT flush unwanted medications down the toilet.

Options:

- The Howard County Police Department and HC Drug Free have four **medication disposal locations** to assist residents in disposing of unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications safely and anonymously. These are available daily and year-round. They are located at the **Northern District Station** (3410 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City), **Southern District Station** (11226 Scaggsville Road in Laurel), **Community Outreach Building** (10741 Little Patuxent Parkway) and **Gary Arthur Community Center** (2400 Route 97 in Cooksville). Questions? Call 410-313-3200.
- **Local pharmacies** may offer take-back or mail-in programs. Rite Aid, CVS and Giant sell prepaid envelopes that can be mailed to a disposal facility.
- Place pills or liquid in a **plastic zip-top bag** with coffee grounds, flour or kitty litter and put the bag in your regular trash. This makes the medicines undesirable and prevents toxins from contaminating our drinking water.
- Looking outside of Howard County? Take advantage of **DEA sponsored programs** when available. Visit www.dea.gov for dates and locations.
- Visit www.disposemy meds.org and check out this [Prescription Medication Disposal Safety Guide](#) for additional information and details.
- Attend a Drug Take Back event hosted by HCDrugFree. Visit their [website](#) for upcoming dates.