

THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

An estimated 10 to 33% of prescribed medicines are not consumed.

Medications disposed of in the trash are not secure and can be accessed by almost anyone, especially when placed at the curb. Once at the landfill, the medications can end up in the landfill leachate—the water that infiltrates and percolates through the garbage placed in landfills.

Improper disposal of prescriptions by means of flushing medications in toilets or down the drain can directly pollute local water sources.

Leftover medications stored in unlocked cabinets are accessible by children or others in the household, increasing the risk of preventable poisonings, drug abuse, and overdoses. Affected local government agencies including law enforcement, public health, public works and water treatment operators, are all interested in achieving a well-publicized, secure and environmentally sound medication disposal program.

Proper disposal of medications at pharmaceutical drop-off locations is important for public health and safety and for environmental protection.

To learn more about the problems with improper disposal of pharmaceuticals, visit CaIPSC.org/Products/Pharmaceuticals or DontRushToFlush.org.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

Yolo County offers free household hazardous waste disposal for residents every week at the landfill. Free senior/ disabled pick-up service is available, please call (530) 666-8856 for more information.



Accepted items include:

- automotive products
- batteries
- cooking oils
- fire extinguishers
- fluorescent bulbs/tubes
- household cleaners
- paint
- pesticides & herbicides
- propane canisters
- and more!

Every Friday
& Saturday
from
7:30 AM to
3:30 PM

For more information,
call 666-8729 or visit
YoloCounty.org

SHARPS DISPOSAL

Used hypodermic needles, pen needles, intravenous needles, lancets, and other similar devices are illegal to dispose of in the trash. Place sharps waste in a red sharps container or a rigid plastic container (such as bleach or detergent bottle), tightly close and tape the lid shut and write "Sharps Waste" on the outside of the container. You can take the container to these locations for proper disposal:



- Davis Waste Removal, 2727 2nd St.
Mon-Fri 9:30 AM - 2 PM & Sat 8 AM - 4 PM
- Yolo County Landfill, 44090 County Road 28H
Fri & Sat 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

SAFE & SIMPLE PHARMACEUTICAL DROP-OFF



Proper disposal of unused medications will help prevent environmental contamination!



City of Davis Public Works Department
1717 Fifth Street, Davis, CA 95616
(530) 757-5686
DavisRecycling.org

SAFELY DISPOSE OF PHARMACEUTICALS IN 3 STEPS

1. CHECK IF ACCEPTABLE



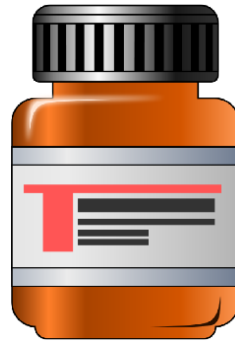
Accepted:

- Schedule II - V Non-Controlled medications
- Over-the-counter medications (pills and liquids)
- Medications ointments/ lotions
- Pet medications
- Controlled Substances (i.e. codeine, morphine, oxycodone, Norco, etc.) are *ONLY* accepted at the Davis Police Department

Not Accepted:

- Illegal (Schedule I) Substances
- Medical sharps and needles
- Iodine-containing medications
- Mercury thermometers
- Radiopharmaceuticals
- Chemotherapy or cytotoxic medicines
- Compressed cylinders or Aerosols (e.g. asthma inhalers)—bring to the Yolo landfill hazardous waste drop-off (see opposite side for details).
- Vitamins & dietary supplements (place in the trash)
- Business medical waste
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products

2. PREPARE FOR DROP-OFF



- **Protect your privacy** - Scratch, remove or blackout your information on the prescription label.
- **Place the pills in a clear zipper bag** - If no clear zipper bag is available, dump the pills into the kiosk directly. Recycle the medicine container.
- **Liquids and creams** - These must remain in their original container be sealed tightly.

3. PLACE IN KIOSK



Drop off your medications in the bins at these locations:

- **Yolo County Central Landfill**
This location does not accept controlled substances.
44090 County Rd. 28H, Woodland, CA 95776
Open Friday & Saturday 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM
(530) 666-8729
- **Davis Police Department**
This location does accept controlled substances.
2600 5th St., Davis, CA 95618
Open Monday - Thursday & every other Friday
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
(530) 747-5400

Questions about accepted medications? Visit DontRushToFlush.org