



Medications and Sharps

Learn how to safely dispose of medications and sharps.

HC DrugFree

In addition to providing education and resources on drug prevention, treatment and recovery, this non-profit holds annual Drug Take-Back events in Howard County. Visit their website for upcoming events and other resources.

Medication

DO NOT flush unwanted medications down the toilet. [Learn more](#) about the importance of proper disposal for unwanted medication

Drop-off Programs

[Howard County Police Department:](#)

- Northern District Station (3410 Courthouse Drive in Ellicott City)
- Southern District Station (11226 Scaggsville Road in Laurel)
- Community Outreach Building (10741 Little Patuxent Parkway)
- Gary Arthur Community Center (2400 Route 97 in Cooksville)

Other Options

- Contact your local pharmacy to see if they offer take-back or mail-in programs.
 - Attend a Drug Take Back event hosted by HC DrugFree
 - 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.
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Sharps and Needles

Disposal

Place used (or unused) needles in an empty plastic bottle (ex. detergent bottle) to protect the trash collection crew. When the bottle is full, add the cap and put the bottle in your trash.

Drop-off

- Your local pharmacy may offer disposal or exchange services
- Attend a Drug Take Back event hosted by [HC DrugFree](#)

Mail-in

- [Sharps Assure](#)
- [MedPro Disposal](#)
- [Biomedical Waste Services](#) (410-437-6590) commercial only

