A Message from Westchester County Executive Robert P. Astorino

Proper disposal of medication is both an environmental and public safety concern. Westchester is dedicated to making medication take-back as easy for residents as possible, with several local options now available. My administration, along with the Department of Environmental Facilities, the Department of Health, and the Westchester County Coalition for Drug & Alcohol Free Youth, wants to ensure the safe disposal of medications.

Prescription drugs are now the second most abused category of drugs in the United States. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to abuse. Medications that are flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain can taint our local rivers and streams.

Westchester County's Med Take-Back Program provides residents with an opportunity to safely, conveniently, and confidentially dispose of unwanted medications.

How Do I Participate?

- Residents can bring medications to one of the participating police departments at any time, 24/7.
- Residents can bring medications, by appointment, on the first Tuesday of the month to the Household Material Recovery Facility (H-MRF) at 15 Woods Road, Valhalla, NY 10595. Appointments can be made online or by calling the Recycling Helpline at (914) 813-5425.

Other Disposal Options

If residents cannot stop by a participating police station or the H-MRF, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) urges residents to mix the contents with undesirable substances (such as coffee grounds, cat litter or dirt), disguise to prevent discovery, tape the containers closed, and toss into the garbage—**NOT DOWN THE DRAIN!**

Medical Sharps and Needles

In addition to medications, many people are unsure of how to properly dispose of used hypodermic needles, or "sharps." Currently no state laws prohibit the disposal of hypodermic needles and other household sharps in the trash. Most municipalities allow it providing the sharps are safely packaged. Preferably, household sharps should be dropped off at the nearest hospital or nursing home, as New York State requires them to accept sharps.

Westchester County's Recycling Helpline
(914) 813-5425
wcdef@westchestergov.com
Please check our Web site for the most up-to-date information.
westchestergov.com/recycle

www.facebook.com/WestchesterGovRecycling
www.powertotheparent.org

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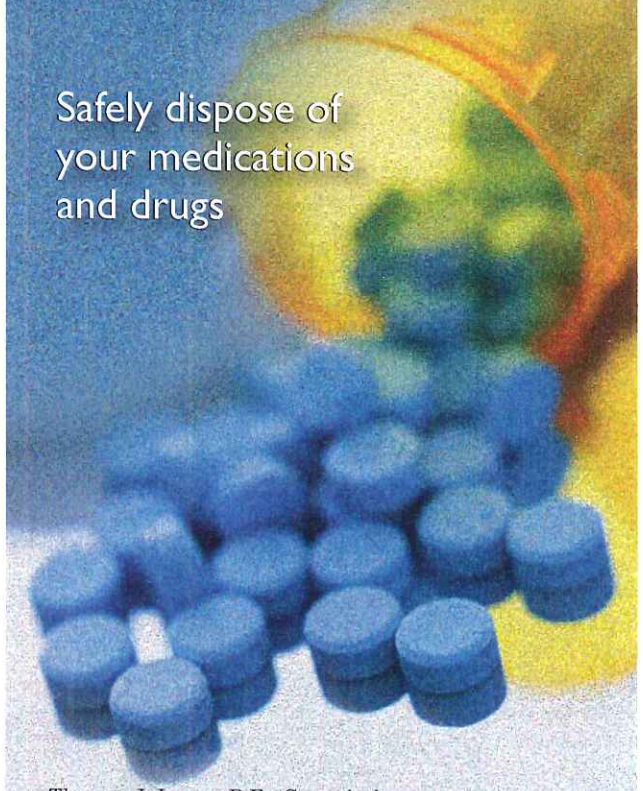
MEDICATION TAKE-BACK PROGRAM 2014

Safely dispose of your medications and drugs



Thomas J. Lauro, P.E., Commissioner
Department of Environmental Facilities

Sherlita Amler, M.D.,M.S.,FAAP, Commissioner
Department of Health

2014 Drug Disposal Days at the H-MRF

1/7	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
2/4	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
3/4	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
4/1	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
5/6	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6/3	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m
7/1	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
8/5	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
9/2	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
10/7	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
11/6	Thursday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
12/2	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m

Police Department Drug Disposal Collection Programs

Ardsley	507 Ashford Avenue	693-1700
Bedford	307 Bedford Road	241-3111
Briarcliff Manor	1111 Pleasantville Road	941-2130
Buchanan	236 Tate Avenue	739-6776
Cortlandt *	1 Heady Street	864-7700
Croton	1 Van Wyck Street	271-5177
Eastchester	40 Mill Road	961-3464
Greenburgh	188 Tarrytown Road	682-5300
Lewisboro	20 North Salem Road	763-8903
Mount Pleasant	1 Town Hall Plaza	769-1941
Mount Vernon	2 Roosevelt Square North	665-2500
New Castle	200 So. Greeley Avenue (Chappaqua)	238-4422
Ossining Village	88 Spring Street	941-4099
Peekskill	2 Nelson Avenue	737-8000
Pleasantville	80 Wheeler Avenue	769-1500
Port Chester	350 North Main Street	939-1000
Pound Ridge	177 Westchester Avenue	764-4206
Rye Brook	938 King Street	937-1020
Rye City	21 McCullough Place	967-1234
Scarsdale	50 Tompkins Road	722-1200
Sleepy Hollow	28 Beekman Ave	631-0800
Somers	98 Primrose Street	232-9622
Tarrytown	One Depot Plaza	631-5544
White Plains	77 South Lexington Avenue	422-6400
Yorktown	2281 Crompond Road	962-4141

* Drop-off for Cortlandt is available only from 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Please check our Web site for the most up-to-date list of participating Police Departments