



YOU Can Reduce Pharmaceutical Drug Waste in New York City



Medicines get into the environment

Scientific evidence shows that our rivers and drinking water contain pharmaceuticals — including anti-depressants, antibiotics, hormones, and opioids.



Keep medicine out of the wrong hands

The opioid crisis is sweeping the country; over 50% of opioid users have gotten drugs from a family/friend's medicine cabinet*.

Perhaps you have some old, expired, unnecessary medication in your home.

*Source: fda.gov April 2019

How can I dispose of old medications I don't need?

Bring your medication to a FREE in-store drug Drop Box at a local pharmacy.

Check with your Pharmacist, to see if your local pharmacy offers one:

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[www.manhattanswab.org/
pharmaceutical-waste-recycling](http://www.manhattanswab.org/pharmaceutical-waste-recycling)

Covid-19 may affect business hours/ ability to take back medications, so always call the pharmacy first.

Alternatively, twice yearly the DEA sponsors National Drug Take Back Day.

takebackday.dea.gov/

What can I do with empty pill bottles?

- Repurpose them! They make great storage for nails, tacks, sharps, pins, hair ties, etc.
- Recycle them via NYC curbside recycling. Leave the cap on and place in the bin with metal/glass/plastic.

Do not flush medications, do not put them down the drain

For more information on

- Sharps disposal options
- What to do if you are a Pharmacy

go to:

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About the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board

The Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB) is a volunteer citizens' advisory board dedicated to helping NYC achieve its zero waste goals. The Board meets monthly, and meetings are open to the public.

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