

# HELP PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION AND ACCIDENTAL POISONINGS FROM UNWANTED MEDICINE



## SAFE **R<sub>x</sub>** DISPOSAL

### AS EASY AS 1-2-3

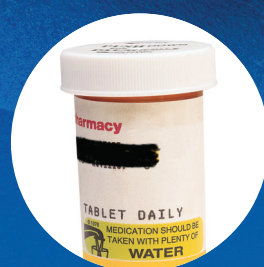


1



**Never flush**  
unwanted  
medicines.

2



**Remove or black out**  
**personal information**  
on the container while  
leaving the medicine  
name and dose visible.

3



**Bring medicines to a**  
**take-back drop box**  
or collection event.  
Medication disposal  
envelopes are also  
available for purchase  
at most pharmacies.

### CAN'T MAKE IT TO A TAKE BACK?

Add kitty litter, used  
coffee grounds, or other  
unpalatable substance  
to the medicine.



Seal the mixture in a  
leak-proof container,  
such as a plastic bag  
or coffee can.



Throw the container in  
your household trash  
as close to pickup day  
as possible.

## LEARN MORE

Find take-back locations or start a program:  
**[unwantedmeds.org](http://unwantedmeds.org)**

For the latest research:  
**[istc.illinois.edu/research/ppcps](http://istc.illinois.edu/research/ppcps)**

