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LOCAL AGENCIES TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OCTOBER 26 IN STOCKTON AND LATHROP

GET RID OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS ON DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

(Stockton, CA) October 22, 2019 – On Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the San Joaquin County Opioid Safety Coalition, Safe Kids San Joaquin County, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and local law enforcement will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. And for the first time, people can dispose of their vaping devices and cartridges with batteries removed. Bring your items for disposal to the following sites:

- Public Health Services WIC Program Office, 620 N. Aurora St., Suite B, Stockton
- Code 3 Uniforms, 304 Lincoln Center (North), Stockton
- Lathrop Senior Center, 15707 5th St, Lathrop

Sites cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps; only pills, patches and vaping devices without batteries will be accepted. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last fall, people throughout the nation turned in nearly 469 tons of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and its state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Kismet Baldwin cautions, “Unused or expired medicines that are just sitting around our homes are highly susceptible to falling into the wrong hands, or being misused or abused.” Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else’s medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, people are now advised **not** to dispose of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. Both pose potential safety and health hazards.

The public can dispose of medications **and** sharps year-round at 20 free medication and sharps disposal kiosks located throughout San Joaquin County. For kiosk locations visit, <https://www.sjgov.org/solidwaste/recyclingcat?ID=21679&t=Medications>.

For more information about prescription drug disposal or the October 26 Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com.

Attachment: Medication and Sharps Disposal Sites flyer
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SHARPS COLLECTION PROGRAM

MEDICATION COLLECTION PROGRAM

Safely Dispose of Medical Sharps

What are Considered Acceptable Sharps?

The following are considered acceptable medical sharps: syringes, lancets, needles, auto-injectors and EpiPens.

Sharps Must be in a Container

No loose sharps allowed. FDA recommends always using FDA-cleared containers. An empty household container that has no leaks, a puncture-proof lid, and is made of heavy-duty plastic is also acceptable.

Take Container to a Drop-Off Location

Once sharps are collected in an acceptable container, take them to an authorized sharps drop-off location.



Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medications

Remove Information

Remove or black-out personal information from all prescription bottles and containers.

Seal all Medications

All medications must be in a container or sealed in a plastic bag. No loose medications! Keep all liquids, powders and ointments in original containers.

Take Medications to a Drop-Off Location

Take medications to an authorized medication drop-off location.



FREE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

STOCKTON

**San Joaquin County
Household Hazardous
Waste Facility**
7850 R.A. Bridgeford St.
Stockton, CA 95206
(209) 468-3066

El Dorado Drug Store
2005 E. Mariposa Rd.
Stockton, CA 95205
(209) 464-7722

**Community Medical
Center**
701 E. Channel St.
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 944-4700

**Community Medical
Center**
1031 Waterloo Rd.
Stockton, CA 95205
(209) 940-5600

Angkor Pharmacy
4555 N. Pershing Ave.
Suite #7
Stockton, CA 95207
(209) 473-4706

**Stockton Police
Dept.**
22 E. Market St.
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 937-8377
Medications Only

Rx Express
711 E. Market St.
Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 465-1001

TRACY

Tracy Police Dept.
1000 Civic Center Dr.
Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 831-6550

**Grant Line Pharmacy
Incorporated**
2160 W. Grant Line Rd.
Suite #205
Tracy, CA 95377
(209) 832-2999

Abala Pharmacy
550-B W. Eaton Ave.
Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 832-7080

Reich's Pharmacy
39 W. 10th St.
Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 835-1832

MANTECA

Manteca Police Dept.
1001 W. Center St.
Manteca, CA 95237
(209) 239-8401

**Community Medical
Center**
200 Cottage Ave.
Suite #103
Manteca, CA 95236
(209) 624-5800

RIPON

Ripon Police Dept.
259 N. Wilma Ave.
Ripon, CA 95366
(209) 599-2101

LODI

Fairmont Pharmacy
1121 W. Vine St.
Suite #13
Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 625-8633

Lodi Police Dept.
215 Elm St.
Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 333-6727

**Community Medical
Center**
2401 W. Turner Rd.
Suite #450
Lodi, CA 95242
(209) 370-1700

LOCKEFORD

Lockeford Drug
14090 E. Highway 88
Lockeford, CA 95237
(209) 727-5527

Young's Payless IGA Markets
18980 N. Highway 88
Lockeford, CA 95237
(209) 727-3762
Sharps Only

ESCALON

Vineyard Pharmacy & Gifts
1900 McHenry Ave.
Suite #202
Escalon, CA 95320
(209) 838-0511

Escalon Police Dept.
2040 McHenry Ave.
Escalon, CA 95320
(209) 838-7093

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