

# Drug Take-Back Collection Kiosks

## at *KinneyDrugs*<sup>®</sup> in the Northeast Kingdom



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### The Problem

When there isn't an easy way to properly manage unused medications, people tend to accumulate them at home which increases the chance for accidents or diversion into the wrong hands.

### The Solution

Kinney Drugs has installed safe, secure drug take-back collection kiosks at their locations in Lyndonville, Newport, and Saint Johnsbury. No need to wait for the once-a-year DEA takeback event.

### What Should Go into the Kiosk?

Any medications that you no longer need, including leftover and expired medications should be brought to a Kinney Drugs kiosk for safe disposal. You can leave them in their containers, but without outside packaging please.

- **Yes! Prescription Medications** All types of medications, including controlled substances – in all forms, including pills, capsules, ointments and creams, suppositories, patches, lozenges.
- **Yes! Over-the-Counter Medications & Vitamins**
- **Yes! Pet Medications**

### What Should NOT Go into the Kiosk?

- **No Sharps!** No needles, including EpiPens. Bring them to the sharps container at your trash transfer station (if available) or make your own container out of an empty laundry detergent bottle, clearly label it "SHARPS", tape securely closed, and put in your trash.
- **No Medical Wastes, or Regular Trash!** No bandages and dressings. No catheter bags or tubing. No packaging – unless there is also medication in the packaging. Put medical wastes and empty packaging in the trash at home.

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Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00am-8:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm	Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday: 8:30am-6:00pm Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm	Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:00am-8:00pm Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm Sunday: 9:00am-5:00pm



## Why Is It Important to Properly Dispose of Unused Medications?

Excess medications can create confusion and **could lead to taking the wrong medication or dosage** which could affect your health or that of your family.

If you have opioids or other controlled substances, removing them from your home can **prevent substance abuse**. Often people who misuse prescription medications, get them from a friend or relative, often without their knowledge, straight from their medicine cabinet. Ensuring that unused medications do not get into the wrong hands is critical.

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## Why Can't I Just Throw Them in the Trash or Flush Them Down the Drain?

Medications that are thrown in the trash can be retrieved and misused. Trash that is generated in Vermont ends up in a landfill where any drugs in the waste might be released to the environment and potentially impact wildlife and public health.

Flushing medications can pollute water supplies. If you have a septic system, you are polluting the groundwater at your house. If your home is on a sewer system, the treatment plant does not remove medications, and they are discharged to receiving waters where they can harm people and wildlife.

Keeping pharmaceuticals out of septic systems, landfills, and wastewater treatment systems is the best way to prevent pollution.



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