

## Safe Disposal of Prescription Drugs

## Why should you take back your unused medications?

- Safe drug disposal reduces drug abuse. Many people who abuse opioids, including teenagers, get opioids from a friend or relative, often without their knowledge. Safe drug disposal often gets unused opioids out of the home and curbs the risk that it will be misused or diverted.
- Safe drug disposal reduces accidental poisoning. Unwanted opioids left in your home endanger your children, adolescents, and senior who may have access to them.
- Safe drug disposal protects the environment and keeps medications from entering streams, rivers, and the water supply.

Find locations in LA County where you can dispose of your unused medications here.

More information is available at: <u>SafeMedLA.org</u>

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If you or someone you know has a substance use disorder, also known as addiction, we can help.



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