



The Department of Health strongly encourages residents to dispose of prescription drugs that are no longer needed to prevent their misuse. They offer the following advice to homeowners regarding disposal of these items.

- **DO NOT** flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so.

To dispose in the trash:

- Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers
- Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds
- Put this mixture in a disposable container with a lid, such as empty margarine tub or zip lock bag
- Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
- Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, in the trash.

For more information, contact:

**RI Department of Health**  
Office of Environmental Health  
Risk Assessment  
Room 206, Cannon Building  
3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI  
800-842-7434  
[www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov)

**RIDEM / Office of Waste Management**  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
401-222-2797  
[www.dem.ri.gov](http://www.dem.ri.gov)

**Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation**  
65 Shun Pike, Johnston, RI 02919  
[www.RIRRC.org](http://www.RIRRC.org)

The National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), its members, and partners are offering you safe disposal of unwanted consumer medications in local community pharmacies around the country.

To find a participating pharmacy near you, please click on the link below

[www.disposemy meds.org/index.php/pharmacy-locator](http://www.disposemy meds.org/index.php/pharmacy-locator)