

Proper Disposal of Prescriptions & Personal Care Products

Capsules & Tablets in Containers

- secure the cap on the bottle
- cover the cap with duct tape to prevent breaking or leakage
- double wrap the sealed containers in opaque plastic bags, secure the bag with duct tape and place it in the trash

Blister-Packaged Capsules and Tablets

- wrap package with several layers of duct tape to prevent breaking or leakage
- double bag the packs in opaque plastic bags, secure the bag with duct tape and place it in the trash

Ampules, Vials, Needles

- call the Washtenaw County 24 hour home toxics hotline at 734-222-3950 for information and drop off hours at 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor

Liquid Prescriptions

- seal the container with duct tape to prevent leaks and breakage
- to take maximum precautions, add salt to make the liquid taste bitter or kitty litter or sawdust to repel animals
- double bag the containers in opaque plastic bags, secure the bag with duct tape and place it in the trash

Why not just flush it down the toilet??

A U.S. Geological Survey found that 80% of the watersheds sampled contained low levels of at least one type of pharmaceutical, while some contained seven or more.

Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to filter these chemicals out, so they can end up in the drinking water.

The risks of long-term exposure to these substances for humans, animals, and ecosystems are unknown.