



# PRESCRIPTION DRUGS & SHARPS DISPOSAL



## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS



**! Do not flush prescription drugs! !**

Improperly disposed medications impact aquatic ecosystems and may end up in our drinking sources.



**Cook County Sheriff operates the Prescription Drug Take Back Program as a free service for Cook County residents.\***



Many collection sites are at local police departments. Find a site near you at <http://www.cookcountysheriff.org/rx/consumer-residents/>

### ACCEPTED:

- Medications in any pill dosage form
- Legally held controlled drugs and narcotics (Schedules II, III, IV and V) except for items listed below.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

- Liquids
- Illicit drugs (Schedule I controlled substances) such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin & methamphetamine
- Herbal remedies
- Vitamins
- Supplements
- Cosmetics & other personal care products
- Compressed cylinders
- Aerosols
- Inhalers
- Pet pesticide products
- Iodine-containing medications
- Needles, syringes, lancets & injection pens
- Medical waste
- Chemo/cytotoxic drugs
- Contaminated materials such as gloves, tubing, or IV bags
- Hazardous materials

\*Program is not available for use by retail businesses or companies that handle prescription drugs.



## SHARPS DISPOSAL



**sharps:** medical devices used to puncture or cut skin, such as needles or syringes

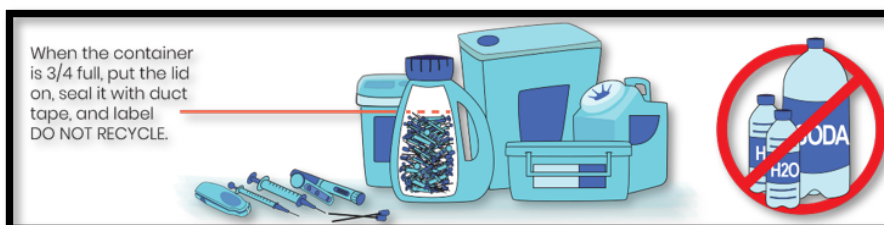


**Sharps should never be put in the curbside recycling bin or placed loosely in the trash.**



Find out if your doctor or pharmacy has a take back program. Visit [safeneedledisposal.org](http://safeneedledisposal.org) and use the locator tool for disposal sites.

If you cannot access a site, fill a hard-plastic container with your sharps and throw it in the trash.



Source: SafeNeedleDisposal.org