

Up and Away

Each year in the United States, approximately 60,000 emergency department visits and 450,000 calls to poison centers are made after children under 6 years of age find and ingest medication without caregiver oversight. Over two-thirds of emergency department visits for children with accidental medication exposures involve 1- or 2- year old children.

Even child-resistant containers cannot completely prevent a child from taking medicines that belong to someone else. In a study that looked at cases of accidental child exposure to a grandparent's medicine, 45% of cases involved medicines stored in child-resistant containers.

Dispose of unused medications, and keep current medications Up and Away from children's reach.

For more information:
www.upandaway.org

Safe disposal of "sharps"

"Sharps" include any hypodermic needle, pen or lancet used to deliver medication.

California state law prohibits placing sharps in the garbage. Used sharps should be disposed of by placing in approved puncture-resistant containers to prevent accidental puncture wounds. Approved containers are available at all Lake County pharmacies for a \$5 co-pay as part of a Sharps Disposal-by-Mail program run by the Lake County Public Services Department.

For more information about the Sharps Disposal-by-Mail Program, please talk to your pharmacist or call 707-263-1980.



www.saferxlakecounty.org
707-998-8488

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN OUT THAT MEDICINE CABINET!

DISPOSING OF UNUSED
PRESCRIPTION AND OVER-THE-
COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Why dispose of unused medications?

Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted, or unused medications from their home as quickly as possible to help reduce the chance that others accidentally take or intentionally misuse the unneeded medicine, and to help reduce drugs from entering the environment.

There are two options in Lake County for disposal of medications

DISPOSAL OPTION 1

As of February 2019, we have three take-back bins in the County. They are located at Moran's Pharmacy, and at the Clearlake and Lakeport Police Departments.



**PLEASE NOTE:
ONLY PRESCRIPTION AND
OVER-THE-COUNTER PILLS
AND PATCHES CAN BE
ACCEPTED AT THE TAKE-
BACK BINS.**

**THEY CANNOT ACCEPT
LIQUIDS, GELS, INHALERS,
SYRINGES/NEEDLES OR
STREET DRUGS.**

CLEARLAKE

Moran's Pharmacy
15175 Lakeshore Dr

707-994-6440 for more information
Medications can be dropped off during
regular lobby hours of 9 AM to 6 PM,
Monday through Friday, and
9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday.

Clearlake Police Department
14050 Olympic Drive
707-994-8251 for more information
Medications can be dropped off during
regular lobby hours of 8 AM to 5 PM,
Monday through Friday.

LAKEPORT

Lakeport Police Department
2025 South Main Street
707-263-5491 for more information
Medications can be dropped off during
regular lobby hours of 8 AM to 5 PM,
Monday through Friday.

DISPOSAL OPTION 2

Use a DisposeRx packet or Deterra pouch to properly contain medicines and dispose of them in the trash.

The Deterra pouch can be used to dispose of liquids, gels, and street drugs in addition to pills and patches.

These products can be obtained from your pharmacy, or by contacting SafeRx.

It is no longer recommended to flush drugs down the toilet because of contamination of lakes and streams -
- the wastewater treatment process does not remove chemicals or drugs.