

Disposal of Unacceptable Substances

For controlled prescriptions only

Save The Bay and EBMUD offer events that may allow residents to return controlled prescriptions. For listings, please visit: <http://www.savesfbay.org/dispose>

For hazardous substances & needles/sharps:

Alameda County, Household Hazardous Waste Centers
2100 East 7th Street, Oakland, CA 94606
2091 West Winton Avenue, Hayward, CA 94540
5584 La Ribera St, Livermore, CA 94550

Contact: 1- 800-606-6606 or visit <http://stopwaste.org> for more information and options. Note: needles/sharps must be returned in sharps containers! To obtain one, please consult your physician or pharmacist, or to order your own, visit www.wastemd.com or call 1-877-927-8363

For other counties, please consult your county's Household Hazardous Waste Center for more info

If there are no options for safe disposal:

Do NOT dispose of medicines into the toilet or sink. Medicines in wastewater cannot be removed by treatment plants, and directly enter our environment. The next best alternative is disposal into the trash. We recommend mixing pills with unsuitable substances, such as ashes or coffee grounds or dirt, to discourage accidental consumption. This mixture should be kept in its original container, with personal information marked out to maintain privacy. Seal original container, and place in an additional level of containment before disposing of in the trash.

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