

# Patients – Do You Know How to Get Rid of Leftover Medications Safely?

**October 26 is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**



In 2010, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) founded National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a nationwide event where police, fire and local officials promote safe, licensed collection sites for prescription and non-prescription medications.

Leftover medications in your medicine cabinet present a threat to family health, and **most doctors cannot legally dispose of YOUR medications.**

But here's what to do – visit:  
**[takebackday.dea.gov](https://takebackday.dea.gov)**

The DEA's Take Back Day website helps you locate safe, licensed disposal sites for medications year-round.

**Save Lives  
and Prevent  
Medication Abuse!**

**Want to learn more?**

Go to [www.isms.org/Take-Back](https://www.isms.org/Take-Back), the Illinois State Medical Society's online resource to help you, your patients and your loved ones identify safe medical disposal options in your community.



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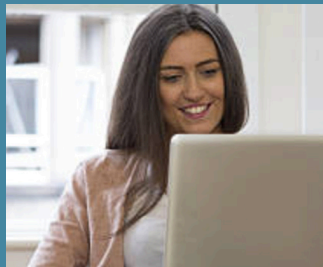
## Safe Disposal of Medications is as Easy as 1-2-3!

It's time to clean out your medicine cabinet! The Illinois State Medical Society offers helpful resources to find the best ways to dispose of prescriptions and non-prescription medications in your community.



### Step 1

Collect your unused prescription and over-the-counter medications.



### Step 2

Identify your local safe disposal sites at [www.isms.org/Take-Back](http://www.isms.org/Take-Back).



### Step 3

Drop off your unused medications at a designated disposal location!

## YOU Can Help Save Lives and Prevent Medication Abuse.

Visit [www.isms.org/Take-Back](http://www.isms.org/Take-Back) to find educational materials and safe disposal sites and options near you.

