TULSA AREA
HOUSEHOLD MEDICATION DISPOSAL SITES

Police, Sheriff & Jail Collection Sites

The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD) www.ok.gov/obndd is developing a "Safe Trips for Scripts" disposal site in each of our 77 counties. The OBNDD supplies the boxes and arranges collection of the medications for disposal. The disposal process is anonymous. Simply deposit the drug items into the designated container, similar to an outdoor mail drop box. For locations, see http://www.ok.gov/obndd/documents/TakeBackBoxes.pdf

Important: Do not bring syringes or inhalers to these drop-off sites. The containers are for household use only; not for businesses such as hospitals, doctor's offices or pharmacies.

Image of Drop-Off Container

Tulsa Police Gilcrease Division
3436 N Delaware Ave. Tulsa, OK 74110
(918) 591-4100 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. M - F

Tulsa Police Mingo Valley Division
10122 E 11th St. Tulsa, OK 74128
(918) 669-6000 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. M - F

Tulsa Police Riverside Division
7515 S Riverside Dr, Tulsa, Ok 74136
(918) 596-1100 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. M - F

Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, Faulkner Building
303 W 1st St., Tulsa, OK 74103
(918) 596-5701 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. M - F

Tulsa County Jail, David L Moss Criminal Justice Center
300 N Denver Ave, Tulsa, OK 74103
(918) 596-8900

Broken Arrow Police Department
2302 1st Pl, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 451-8213 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. M - F

Sand Springs Police Department
100 E Broadway, Sand Springs, OK 74063
(918) 245-8777 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. M - F

Sapulpa Police Department
20 N Walnut, Sapulpa, OK 74066
(918) 227-5100 24 hrs/day

DO NOT "FLUSH" ANY MEDICATIONS

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Metropolitan Environmental Trust (MET) www.metrecycle.com 918-584-0584 collects hazardous pollutants including medications at the Tulsa County Fairground in the spring and fall, usually April and October. Watch the media, check their web site or call for information. Residents of Tulsa County, Claremore, Coweta, and Broken Arrow (any MET community) are eligible for this program.

Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback, Tulsa Office (918) 459-9600 Plans to offer two collections a year, possibly April and October. Watch for details through local media sources or call them.

Drug Disposal by Mail Programs Walgreen's http://news.walgreens.com/article_display.cfm?article_id=5343 announced last fall that drug disposal envelopes (postage included in price) are available for purchase in their stores in the pharmacy section using the Sharps Compliance Corp Environmental Return System. CVS Pharmacies http://investor.cvs.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=99533&p=irol-newsArticle&id=1596955 announced in August 2011 that 7200 stores have the Sharp's system of disposal available for purchase.
Place your medicines in the envelope and drop the envelope in the US mail. Sharps Compliance Corporation will incinerate your medicines upon receipt.

The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy http://www.ok.gov/OSBP announced the **"**DISPOSE MY MEDS" program. To learn more about this pilot disposal opportunity click on *www.disposemymeds.org* this is an online resource to help you to find medication disposal programs at an independent community pharmacy near you.

Participants in the Tulsa area include: T. Roy Barnes Drugry, 3404 S. Yale, Tulsa, OK, (918) 743-6623; Broken Arrow Family Drug, 3359 S. Elm Pl., Broken Arrow, OK, (918) 451-3750; and Spoon Drug, 540 Plaza Ct., Sand Springs, OK, (918) 698-6977.

Incineration through Tulsa residential trash pick up- Currently, all residential trash in picked up in the City of Tulsa is burned at the Trash to Energy plant. You can easily dispose of medications by placing them in an inconspicuous container, mix in an inedible substance like plaster of paris, old paint, used coffee grounds or kitty litter, then place the container in your curbside trash for pick up.

Did you know that you don't have to fill an entire prescription? You can request that your pharmacist only fill part of a prescription. Then you won't have to deal with disposing of leftover or expired medications later.

Frequently asked questions:

How do I protect my identity*?* If you are concerned, pour the pills, capsules, tablets, liquids into an unmarked plastic sealable bag. Seal it completely (no leaking) and transport to collection site. Throw the empty vials and bottles into your trash. If you wish to further prevent someone from reading the label, spray paint over the information or use a wide felt tip marking pen that has permanent ink to cover the letters and numbers.

Why can't I donate my unneeded medicines to a charity clinic*?* Your medicines may have exceeded the expiration date printed on the label, thus it is considered not useable by pharmacist experts. Additionally, medicines should be stored at certain temperatures, humidity, and light levels to prevent changes in the chemicals. Also, it is possible that someone has tampered with your container. These possible conditions suggest that the best option is to properly destroy them and not use them.

Why should I take my unneeded medicines to a proper disposal site*?* Unfortunately, legal medicines in household medicine cabinets have become poisons unintentionally or choice by the very young, elderly, and some youth. Over dosage, abuse, or improper use is commonly seen in emergency rooms, and the rates of deaths from the misuse of legal medications in Oklahoma continue to escalate. Store your medications in a safe and secure location that makes the drug more difficult for children to obtain. Before these collection programs were developed, evidence that medical chemicals disposed of by flushing in to our eco-system were increasing to unhealthy levels causing The White House, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Food and Drug Agency (FDA) to publish national standards for collection and disposal of medications. Current disposal programs are safe, legal, and remove large quantities of medications from our streams, lakes, sewage systems, and lower the probability of medication misuse.

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