

## Safe Disposal of Controlled Prescription Drugs and/or Expired Medications

This notice is to help provide information for the safe disposal of expired or unwanted medications including some special considerations for controlled substance prescriptions. Please ensure any and all unused medications are disposed of safely to help protect the environment and avoid incidental transfer of controlled substance medications to others.

**\*\*\*DO NOT JUST THROW EXPIRED OR UNWANTED MEDICATIONS IN A TRASH BIN UNMODIFIED\*\*\***

Options for safe disposal of unused or unwanted medications will be outlined below

1. Twice a year the DEA has a **NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** where many designated drop off locations are made available. The next scheduled national drug take back day date is scheduled to take place on TBD in March 2025. As the DEA releases information for future dates it will be made available by King's Daughters Pharmacy to our patients as dates approach OR can be found at the following websites:
  - [Takebackday.dea.gov](http://Takebackday.dea.gov)
  - [Takecareoftexas.org](http://Takecareoftexas.org)
2. There IS currently 1 designated location(s) available year around in Temple to dispose of your medications at your convenience:
  - **Walgreen's @ 3614 S 31st Street in Temple, TX 76502 (See Below Photos)**





1. For information pertaining to the safe disposal of Needles or others Medical Waste not accepted at these designated drop off sites you may contact WASTE MANAGEMENT (Temple) located at 2201 W Avenue D, Temple, TX 76504 by calling 254-742-3000
  - Note: Pharmacies can sell you a Sharps by Mail Container which includes a Postage Paid Box to safely mail used syringes via the USPS to a Medical Waste Facility. (Not practical for EPiPens, Auvi-Q, etc.)
2. Is there a way to safely dispose of medications at home? YES
  - Available for purchase at our pharmacy and other local pharmacy is a Drug Disposal System known as Deterra. Using this product you can destroy drugs and not the environment. Powered by activated carbon Deterra is an EPA approved option to permanently destroy and deactivate prescriptions, over the counter pills, patches, liquids, creams, and films.



Our pharmacy is also available during normal business hours to answer questions concerning this process by calling 254-778-1731.

Thank you,

Your King's Daughters Pharmacy Team

1905 SW H K Dodgen Loop, Temple, TX 76502

Scan the QR codes below for more information.

