

# PROPER DISPOSAL of LIQUIDS, INHALANTS & SHARPS

Drugs that are thrown in the trash can be retrieved by others and sold, while flushing medications can potentially contaminate the water supply. *Many locations have bins that accept unused prescription pills.*



**However, these bins don't allow for disposal of liquids, inhalants and sharps.**

## To dispose of these safely, follow these steps.

By disposing properly, you will help prevent poisoning, misuse and overdose in your community.

### LIQUIDS



**Mix** liquids with a substance such as dirt, cat litter or coffee grounds.



**Place** the mixture into a disposal container with a lid or a seal-able plastic bag.



**Throw** away the sealed mixture in your household trash.



**Scratch out** all personal information from the container's label before recycling or disposing of it.

### INHALANTS



**Read handling instructions** on the labeling of inhalers. These products could be dangerous if punctured or thrown in a fire or incinerator. To properly dispose of these products and follow local regulations and laws, contact your trash or recycling facility.

### SHARPS



Needles and other sharps should be **placed in a sharps disposal container immediately** after use. This reduces the risk of needle sticks, cuts and punctures from loose sharps. Disposal containers can be found at pharmacies and should be kept out of reach of children and pets (FDA).

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