

TAKE BACK YOUR MEDS

FREE • EASY • CONFIDENTIAL

Drop Box Disposal for
Prescribed & Over-the-Counter Medications

Thurston County Sheriff's Office
2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Bldg. 3, Olympia
Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Lacey Police Department
420 College St. SE, Lacey
Open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Rainier City Hall
102 Rochester St. W, Rainier
Open Mon-Thurs, 8am-5pm

Tenino Police Department
358 McClellan St. SE, Tenino
Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am-4pm

Tumwater Police Department
555 Israel Rd. SW, Tumwater
Open Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

Yelm Police Department
206 McKenzie Ave. SE, Yelm
Open Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm



SAFE DISPOSAL IS EASY

What can I put in the drop box?

YES

Prescriptions
Over-the-counter drugs
Pet medicine
Medicated ointments & lotions
Inhalers
Liquid medicines in leak-proof containers (up to 12 oz.)

NO

Used needles & sharps
Gloves
Bandages
Medical equipment
Business or clinic waste
Vitamins & supplements

**Drop sites aren't for business use.
Household use only.**

How do I dispose of needles & sharps? (in the trash, not in the drop box)

- Handle with caution, sharps may contain infectious disease! (*Syringes, hypodermic needles, IV tubing, lancets, auto injectors & scalpel blades are all examples of sharps.*)
 - Dispose of sharps in a manufactured sharps container—available on-line, at pharmacies, and at medical supply stores and providers.
- or –
- Use an empty, rigid, non-crushable plastic bottle with a tight fitting lid. Laundry detergent bottles work well. When the container is full, secure the lid tightly. Tape the lid for added security and write “sharps waste” in large letters on the bottle with a permanent marker.
 - Place the container in your **trash**, never with recyclables.



How about Medical Equipment?

The Thurston County Medical Equipment Bank loans out free medical supplies and equipment to people in need. You can donate items such as: wheelchairs, portable commodes, transfer benches, shower benches, walkers, hospital beds, crutches, canes, c-pap machines and more! medicalequipmentbank.org

For more information call the Hazardous Waste Hotline: (360) 867-2664 or visit takebackyourmeds.org



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