

# 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

## **Walgreens**

1510 Cooper Pt. Rd. SW, Olympia

Open 7am-11pm

## **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](http://medicalequipmentbank.org)

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



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