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What Can and Can't Be Disposed of at Drop-off Locations

OK To Drop Off



Prescription Drugs, including controlled substances such as oxycodone, codeine, and amphetamines



Prescription Ointments or Lotions



Over-The-Counter Medications

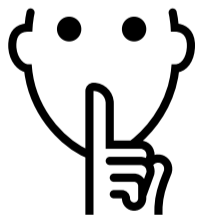


Pet Medications

NOT OK To Drop Off



- **Illegal Controlled Substances** (e.g. marijuana, heroin, LSD, etc.)
- **Medical Sharps and Needles**
- **Auto-injectors** (e.g. EpiPen)
- **Iodine-Containing Medications**
- **Mercury Thermometers**
- **Chemotherapy or Cytotoxic Medications**
- **Compressed Cylinders or Aerosols** (e.g. Asthma Inhalers)
- **Vitamins and Dietary Supplements**



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What Do I Do With Sharps?

Dispose of *medical sharps* or other types of *hypodermic needles, syringes, auto-injectors like Epi-Pens* by mailing them to manufacturers in a prepaid envelope.

For more information, check out sharpneedledisposal.org



To find the nearest drug disposal bin near you, use the interactive map at:
www.takebackdrugs.org or
www.takebackday.dea.gov

content source: <https://www.calpsc.org/>

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Senate Bill 212: New Drug-Drop Law

Overview

Senate Bill (SB) 212, titled Solid Waste: Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship, was last signed on September 30, 2018 to establish safe and convenient collection and disposal options for most drugs and home-generated sharps waste.



California is the first state in the nation to pass a law requiring drug manufacturers to pay for safe and convenient drug disposal options!



What To Expect

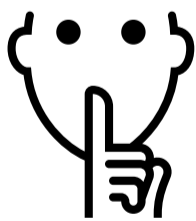
Sharps Take-Back Program:

The program requires secure collection receptacles throughout the state. For home-generated sharps waste, sharps waste containers and mail-back materials will be provided to consumers at no cost.



Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program:

Starting this year, you will be able to drop expired and leftover prescription drugs into special containers at Albertson's pharmacies statewide, and other retailers (TBA). The drop off bins are available every day, so you don't have to wait for designated "Drug TakeBack Days."



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Advantages of Safe Drug Drop Boxes:

- Keeps opioids and other addictive drugs from being abused or sold on the street
- Keeps waterways, drinking water and wildlife safe
- Allows drugs to be incinerated at an appropriate facility and converted to renewable energy



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Content source: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB212
<https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/laws/rulemaking/archive/2021/pharmasharps>

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How To...

Safely Store & Dispose of Prescription Drugs (Rx) at Home

Step-By-Step Guide

How To Lock-Up Medicines Safely

STEP 1: Gather It Up

Gather all medications in the home, including cough medicine and vitamins



STEP 2: Lock It Up

Can be found at:
Home Depot, Harbor Freight Tools, Walmart, Amazon

STEP 3: Put It Up

Put the storage container out of reach of children, away where teens can't find easily



How To Dispose of Unused Medicines

1 Drug Enforcement Administration National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days

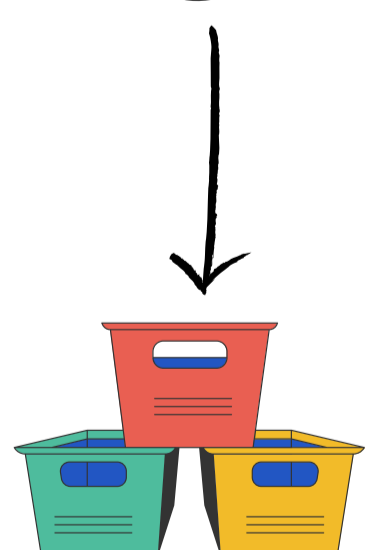
- Happens twice a year in the month of April and October
- Local drop off site at Santa Monica Police Station

2 Mail Program

- Ask your local pharmacy if they have a mail back program

3 Existing year-round disposal sites

- 21 disposal sites/county wide
- Hospitals/Local CVS Pharmacies
- City of Santa Monica Public Safety Building
- LA County Sheriff Marina Del Rey



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Content sources: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines>
Environmental Protection Agency, How to Dispose Medicines Properly, 2011.

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Opioid Overdose Trends

California is still grappling with a serious public health crisis-- a dynamic and rapidly changing opioid epidemic wreaking havoc on the state's health and economy, only to be exacerbated by COVID-19. Our opioid overdose trends video provides up-to-date stats, as of May 2021, on long-term opioid-related mortality, demographic differences, and opioid overdoses in the state of California.



Statistics and Data

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released provisional data in April 2021 on drug overdoses in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic. The results were a **30% increase in mortality** from October 2019 to October 2020.



Around **40** people die every day in America from an opioid overdose.



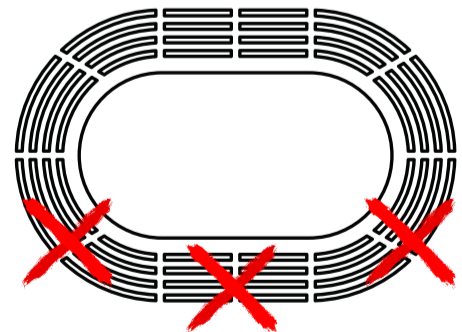
Around **15,000 Americans die a year from drug overdoses...** to put that in perspective, that's about the size of the city of El Segundo.



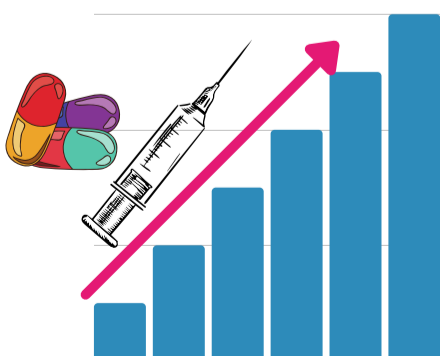
In 2019, **more than 6,300** Californians died from overdoses. In 2020, that number grew by **45%**.



In 2020, the CDC predicts that **over 9,100** Californians will have died from an overdose... picture **half of the Staples Center**.



Overdose Deaths involving prescription opioids, heroin, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl have increased over six times since 1999, killing nearly 50,000 Americans in 2019.



Content sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control drugabusestatistics.org