

Proper Disposal of Expired or Unwanted Medicines

Why Should I Use Secure Medicine Return? (Tacoma/Pierce Co Health Department)

- **Limit drug abuse.** The home medicine cabinet is one of the most common places people look for drugs to get high.
- **Prevent poisoning.** Young children get poisoned when they take medicine not meant for them.
- **Protect the environment.** When you flush medicine down the toilet or throw it in the trash, it pollutes our water and soil.

Community Kiosk Drop-off Sites

Community kiosk drop-off sites allow residents to bring expired or unwanted medicines to convenient locations for proper disposal. Residents may also go to selected locations to request a Mail-Back Package for expired or unwanted medicines.

The Town of Steilacoom Department of Public Safety offers a community kiosk drop-off site and wants residents to empty pills into a Ziploc bag for disposal so as to not expose any personal information. The Public Safety office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9AM – Noon, and 1PM – 5PM.

At this time, the Public Safety kiosk **ONLY accept pills**.

Controlled Substances and Narcotics

Drugs with a high potential for abuse or addiction can be dropped off at Public Safety. Examples include amphetamines, Valium, Ritalin, morphine, methadone and OxyContin.

Please, no creams, liquids or Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, and pet pesticide products.

For additional medicine disposal program information, please go to:

<https://med-project.org/locations/pierce/>