



Kansas Medication Disposal Program

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in partnership with the Kansas Board of Pharmacy has designed the Kansas Medication Disposal Program. This program DOES NOT allow for the collection of controlled substances.

For details of the program, please visit

http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/about_medwaste.html#pharmresources

To participate in this program, you must do three simple things:

1. Apply
2. Install a take back container
3. Record and report the waste of which you dispose

Who can and cannot drop off medications at the pharmacy for this program?

Who Can Drop Off

- Households
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Hospice Care Facilities

Who CANNOT Drop Off

- Hospitals
- Physician Offices
- Other Businesses

What may be dropped off:

- Over the counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins
- Liquid medications in leak-proof containers
- Medicated ointments and lotions
- Inhalers

What may not be dropped off:

- Controlled substances, narcotics or illegal drugs
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Sharps
- Empty containers
- Bandages

To run a take back program a location must:

1. Display a poster of accepted medications,
2. Have a pharmacist present,
3. Have medications handed to a pharmacy employee,
4. Place material in a secured container that is labeled, located in a secure area of the pharmacy, and locked when pharmacist is not present, and
5. Decide if they are comfortable accepting unidentified/unknown medications

Collected medications can be sent to a permitted medical waste facility or a permitted municipal solid waste landfill with a special waste authorization from KDHE.

You must record pounds of medications collected; identify the waste facility to which you sent the medications; retain copies of solid waste disposal authorizations and invoices; and report to KDHE annually.