All medicines that your family and your pets use should be properly disposed of at a drug take-back program. Currently, prescription drugs can be taken to various pharmacies and law enforcement locations throughout Snohomish County.

**Pharmacy Drop-Off Locations**

All prescription drugs, EXCEPT narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances" can be taken to the following pharmacy locations in Snohomish County:

- Edmonds Bartell Drugs (23028 100th Ave W)
- Everett Group Health Cooperative (2930 Maple St.)
- Lake Stevens Bartell Drugs (621 SR 9 NE)
- Lynnwood Bartell Drugs (17633 Hwy 99)
- Lynnwood Group Health Coop (20200-54th Ave. W)

**Law Enforcement Drop-Off Locations**

All prescription drugs, INCLUDING narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances" can be taken to the following law enforcement locations:

- Arlington Police (controlled substances only)
- Bothell Police
- Brier Police
- Darrington Police
- Edmonds Police
- Everett Police (North & South Precincts)
- Gold Bar Police
- Granite Falls Police
- Lake Stevens Police
- Lynnwood Police
- Marysville Police
- Mill Creek Police
- Monroe Police
- Mountlake Terrace Police
- Mukilteo Police
- NCIS – Naval Station Everett
- Snohomish Police
- Snohomish County Sheriff – 4th Floor Courthouse
- Snohomish County Sheriff – North Precinct
- Snohomish County Sheriff – South Precinct
- Snohomish County Sheriff – Jail
- Stanwood Police
- Stillaguamish Tribal Police
- Sultan Police
- Tulalip Tribal Police
- Washington State Patrol
- NCIS – Naval Station Everett
- Snohomish County Sheriff – Jail
- Snohomish County Sheriff – South Precinct

**Last Resort Disposal Instructions**

If you are not able to get to one of the take-back locations listed, follow these "last resort" steps before carefully disposing of your medicines in the trash. Disguising your medicines before disposing them in the garbage is critical to prevent a child, teen or pet from getting the medicines and accidentally ingesting them.

For chemotherapy drugs, contact your prescribing doctor's office as they may accept return of those medicines.

For all other drugs:

- Do not flush medicines down the toilet or drain.
- Keep the medication in its original container.
- To discourage consumption of the medicines, add something unappealing, such as kitty litter or coffee grounds.
- Do not crush the pills.
- Tape the container lid shut with tape, place in a sealable bag, and then place in a non-transparent container to ensure that the contents cannot be seen.
- Discard the container in the garbage. Do not place in the recycling bin. Make sure your trash cannot be accessed by children, pets, or others who might be looking in the garbage for drugs.

**Additional Information**

Additional information about specific medicines, other types of accepted medical waste and a complete list of drop off locations can be found at: http://www.takebackyourmeds.org.