

## Looking ahead

We need a sustainable source of funding to ensure that everyone in our community and state has on-going access to secure and effective medicine disposal locations. Voluntary programs at our police stations and some pharmacies demonstrate the strong community demand for proper drug disposal, but long-term funding is needed.

In British Columbia, Canada, pharmaceutical manufacturers fund and provide a medicine return program. Legislation is proposed in Washington State for a similar funding system, which is called product stewardship.

Visit [www.takebackyourmeds.org](http://www.takebackyourmeds.org) or contact your state legislator for more information.

### Snohomish County Partnership for Secure Medicine Disposal

Protecting our community from harm by collecting unwanted prescription medicines from residents



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# ✓ Get Unwanted Meds OUT . . .

*of your homes, your water, and the reach of a child or pet*



Partner with law enforcement in Snohomish County to securely dispose of your unwanted prescription medicines.

Keeping unused, unwanted and expired prescription drugs in your home poses a risk to you, your family and your community. Disposed of improperly, these drugs can still be obtained for illegal use and some will contaminate our waters. To provide you with an easy, secure and responsible way to properly and securely dispose of these drugs, law enforcement agencies and other partners have established free prescription drug drop-off locations throughout Snohomish County.

## Why?

**Prescription drug abuse is a serious and growing problem in our communities.**

Abuse of medicines—especially opiate pain relievers like OxyContin, codeine, and Vicodin—is increasing rapidly.

**The consequences are serious.**

Drug overdoses have surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of accidental deaths in Washington. The majority of overdoses involve prescription opiates. Youth admissions to state funded treatment for prescription opiates are now 19 times higher than in 2001.

**Our kids and teens are at risk.**

Misused prescription drugs are the illicit drugs of choice among 12- and 13-year olds. For the first time among teens, there are as many new abusers of prescription drugs as marijuana abusers.

**Our medicine cabinets are taking the place of drug dealers.**

Three in five teens say prescription pain relievers are easy to get from parents' medicine cabinets. Over half of prescription drug abusers get the medicines from a friend or relative. More than half of teens say pain relievers are "available everywhere."



## What and where?



**All prescription drugs, including narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances"**

Take to law enforcement locations listed inside. There are currently 27 sites in Snohomish County.



**All medications, EXCEPT narcotic pain killers and prescribed "controlled substances"**

Take to pharmacy-based drop-off locations listed inside. There are currently 13 sites in Snohomish County.

Program details: 425-388-3199 or [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), search "pharmaceuticals"

# How the program works

For free disposal of your unwanted medications, please follow these instructions:

- 1 Gather all unwanted meds from wherever you have them stored (drawers, medicine cabinet, etc.).
- 2 Check the list in this brochure to see which items are accepted. **Remember that narcotics and prescribed controlled substances are accepted only at law enforcement locations.**
- 3 Bring accepted items to the most convenient location (see list of drop-off locations). **Leave items in their original containers.**  
  
At law enforcement sites and Bartell Drugs locations:
  - Your items will be quickly screened to make sure they don't include items that cannot be accepted, such as mercury thermometers and needles.
  - You will have an opportunity to mark out any personal information. Do NOT mark out the name of the medication. No questions will be asked, though your zip code may be recorded for research purposes.
- 4 Place the items into the secure double-locked collection box.



## ✓ Items Accepted:

- **Narcotics (OxyContin, Vicodin, etc.) Accepted ONLY at law enforcement sites**
- Prescribed medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for pets
- Medicated ointments/lotions (prescription & over-the-counter)
- Vitamins
- Inhalers
- EpiPens (unopened)

## ⊘ Items Not Accepted:

- Needles/syringes
- Thermometers
- IV bags or bloody/infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Hydrogen peroxide/other chemicals
- Aerosol cans
- EpiPens (used)
- Mercury products (Mercurochrome, thimerosal, etc.)
- Iodine solutions (Betadine, etc.)
- Radioactives
- Business waste
- Empty containers

For disposal of used syringes, needles and lancets, thermometers containing mercury, aerosol cans and other chemicals, visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) (search "solid waste"). For guidance about disposal of business pharmaceutical waste, visit [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/pharmaceuticals/](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/pharmaceuticals/).

# Drop-off locations



## Law Enforcement Drop-Off Locations

Accepts Narcotics

- Arlington Police**  
110 E Third Street
- Bothell Police**  
18410-101st Avenue NE
- Brier Police**  
2901-228th Street SW
- Darrington Police**  
1115 Seeman Street
- Edmonds Police**  
250 Fifth Avenue N
- Everett Police**  
N Precinct: 3002 Wetmore Avenue  
S Precinct: 1121 SE Everett Mall Way
- Gold Bar Police**  
107-5th Street
- Granite Falls Police**  
205 S Granite Avenue
- Lake Stevens Police**  
2211 Grade Road
- Lynnwood Police**  
19321-44th Avenue W
- Marysville Police**  
1635 Grove Street
- Mill Creek Police**  
15728 Main Street
- Monroe Police**  
818 W Main Street
- Mountlake Terrace Police**  
5906-232nd Street SW
- Mukilteo Police**  
10500-47th Place W
- NCIS – Naval Station Everett**  
2000 W Marine View Drive, Bldg. 2000, Rm 234
- Snohomish Police**  
230 Maple Avenue

## Snohomish County Sheriff

4th Fl Courthouse: 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett  
Jail: 3025 Oakes Avenue, Everett  
N Precinct: 15100-40th Avenue NE, Marysville  
S Precinct: 15928 Mill Creek Blvd, Mill Creek

## Stanwood Police

8727-271st Street NW

## Stillaguamish Tribal Police

22714-6th Avenue NE, Arlington

## Sultan Police

515 Main Street

## Swinomish Tribal Police

17353 Reservation Road, La Conner

## Tulalip Tribal Police

6103-31st Avenue NE, Suite A, Tulalip

## Washington State Patrol

2700-116th Street NE, Marysville



## Pharmacy-Based Drop-Off Locations



## Bartell Drugs

Bothell: 22833 Bothell-Everett Highway  
Edmonds: 23028-100th Avenue W  
Everett: 11020-19th Avenue SE  
Everett: 1825 Broadway  
Everett: 5006-132nd Street SE  
Lake Stevens: 621 SR 9 NE  
Lynnwood: 17633 Highway 99  
Marysville: 6602-64th Street NE  
Mountlake Terrace: 22803-44th Avenue W  
Shoreline: 18420 Aurora Avenue N  
Snohomish: 1115-13th Street  
Stanwood: 7205-267th Street NW

## Group Health Cooperative

Everett: 2930 Maple Street  
Lynnwood: 20200-54th Avenue W

For details and hours, call 425-388-3199 or visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and type "pharmaceuticals" in the search box.