



News Release
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What Should I do with my Unused Medications?
Health Department says “Do not flush! Do not pour!”

(Salt Lake County) – Recent national studies have shown that pharmaceuticals and over the counter drugs are present in our nation's waterbodies and that certain drugs may cause ecological harm. Outdated or unusable drugs that are disposed of by flushing down a toilet or pouring down a sink enter the environment because wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove them.

The Salt Lake Valley Health Department (SLVHD) wants to remind people that prescription, or over the counter medications, should never be flushed down the toilet or poured down a sink. To help county residents more easily and correctly disposed of potentially harmful drugs, the SLVHD has joined forces with numerous concerned partners to offer pharmaceutical disposal sites.

“This summer SLVHD initiated a program to accept old medications at all of our community collection days,” says Dorothy Adams, Household Hazardous Waste program manager. “It has proven to be a great resource for county residents and a huge success.”

Remaining SLVHD Summer Community Collection Days

Thursday, September 18th
Holladay City
4626 South 2300 East
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 25th
Salt Lake City
Sugar House Park, Garden Center
1602 East 2100 South
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Because of the strict laws governing prescription medications, law enforcement officers are present at these events to collect medications and process them through their evidence department and protocols, which include destruction of the drugs through incineration.

In addition to the SLVHD Summer Collection Events, pharmaceutical disposal programs are also available at a number of locations. The Salt Lake City Public Utilities and Police Department and the Salt Lake County Sherriff’s Office have established proper disposal programs for their residents by installing locked, mounted steel collection bins in the lobbies of their stations.

For more information visit the SLVHD website at www.slvhealth.org or call (801) 313-6745. Find other disposal sites at http://www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov/disposal_locations_events.htm.

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Pharmaceutical Disposal Collection Locations

DAVIS COUNTY

Layton City Police Department
429 North Wasatch Boulevard
Layton, UT 84041
(801) 497-8300
Hours: 7 days a week/ 24 hours per day

SALT LAKE COUNTY

SLC Police Station
1040 West 700 South
Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 799-4601
Hours: M-F, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

SLC Police Station
315 East 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT
(801) 799-3000
Hours: M-F, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Cottonwood Heights Sheriff Substation
7480 South 2700 East
Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121
(801) 944-1830
Hours: M – F, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Herriman Sheriff Substation
13272 South 5600 West
Herriman, UT 84096
(801) 302-2080
Hours: M – F, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Holladay Sheriff Substation
4570 South 2300 East
Holladay, UT 84117
(801) 270-0426
Hours: M – F, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Kearns Sheriff Substation
4250 West 5415 South
Kearns, UT 84118
(801) 967-4420
Hours: M – F, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Magna Sheriff Substation
4570 South 2300 East
Holladay, UT 84117
(801) 270-0426

SUMMIT COUNTY

Recycle Utah, Park City sponsors two household hazardous waste community collection events each year.
The next event is:
Saturday, October 4th 9-11 AM
Recycle Utah's Center, 1951 Woodbine Way
Phone: 435-649-9698

UINTAH COUNTY

Uintah County Sheriff's Department
152 East 100 North
Vernal, UT 84078
(435) 781-5419
Hours: Grant approved. Box not installed yet.

UTAH COUNTY

Salem City Police Department
Salem City, UT 84653
(801) 423-2312
Hours: Grant approved. Box not installed yet (will be part of a building addition).

Utah County Sheriff's Office
Grant approved for two locations but boxes not installed yet:

- Sheriff's Office Evidence Building in Spanish Fork
- Sheriff's Office substation in Eagle Mountain

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Washington County Sheriff's Office
750 South 5400 West
Hurricane, UT 84737
(435) 656-6503
Hours: Grant approved. Box not installed yet.

Ivins City Public Safety Department
55. N. Main Street
Ivins, UT 84738
Hours: Grant approved. Box not installed yet

Hours: M – F, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (best to call first)