3 Options for Safe Drug Disposal

1. Use a Take-Back Program
   - Check with your pharmacy. Some pharmacies have mail-back programs and/or disposal kiosks.
   - Check with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to find an authorized collector in your community. Visit www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal or call 1-800-882-9539.
   - Contact your local law enforcement officials to find a take-back location nearest you.

2. Flush-It When Appropriate
   - If left unsecured, some drugs can be a deadly risk to others in your home.
   - Some medicines have specific instructions to flush them down the toilet when no longer needed immediately, and a take-back option is not readily available.
   - Ask your pharmacist if your medicine is on the list of drugs that should be flushed. This information can be accessed at www.fda.gov/drugdisposal.

3. Trash-It When Indicated
   - Use this option if a take-back program is not readily available and the product is not on the flush list.
   - Mix medicines (do not crush tablets or capsules) with a substance like dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds.
   - Place the mixture in a sealed container like a plastic bag.
   - Throw the container in your household trash.
   - Delete all personal information on the prescription label of the empty pill bottles or medicine packaging, then dispose the container.

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