

DO YOU HAVE UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATION?

SAFE DRUG DISPOSAL IN ONTARIO



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Throwing away or flushing old medication can **pollute water** and **harm plants, animals, and people.**



15 CITIES IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO FOUND TRACE AMOUNTS OF HOUSEHOLD PRESCRIPTIONS IN TAP WATER

Even **small amounts** of these drugs can be **harmful** to:

- Pregnant individuals
- Seniors
- Children
- Immunocompromised individuals
- Pets

HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR DRUGS PROPERLY

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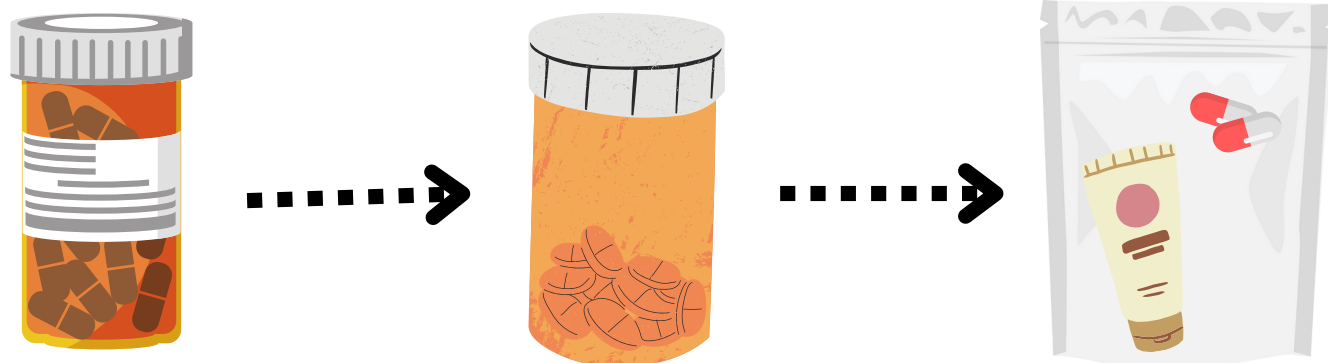
Remove or scratch out personal information and place medication in a plastic bag. Do not crush pills.

Put pills in a return container if available; leave liquids/creams in their original packaging.

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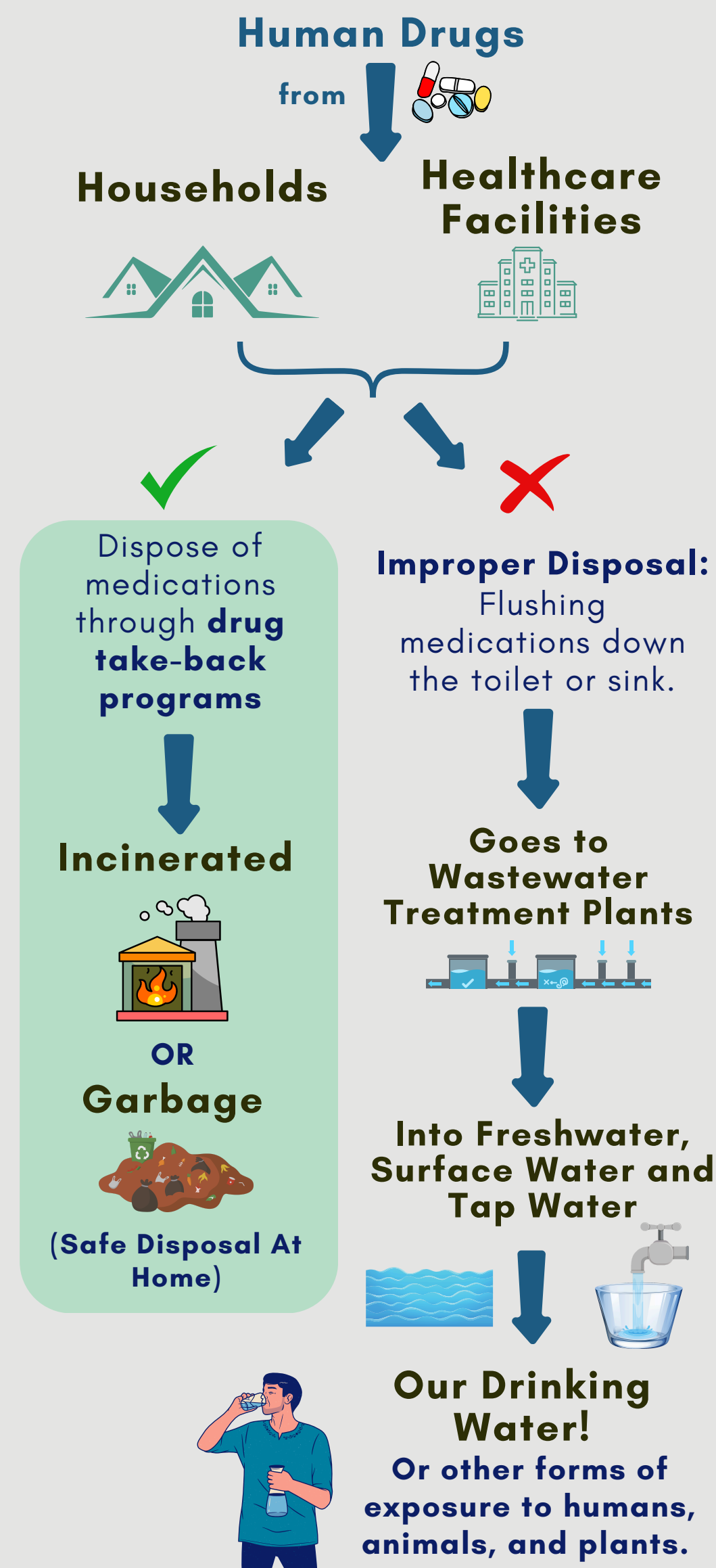
Take the bag to a nearby pharmacy!

The **pharmacist** will provide further instructions. Call in advance to learn about their **take back program!**



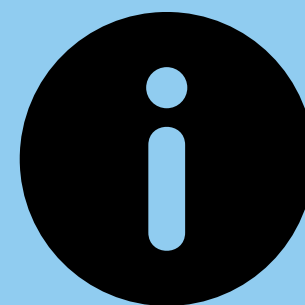
Put all medications into a plastic bag, and remove labels or personal information.

WHERE DO MY DRUGS GO?



About This Resource

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Ontario Medications Return and Sharps Collection Program
Organized by the Health Products Stewardship Association (HPSA)



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Return unused or expired medications to **any pharmacy in Canada** any day of the year.

FIND YOUR PHARMACY!



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