

Frame out your take-back program

Use this worksheet to create your program.

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<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>WHAT MEDICATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Controlled substances: Medications such as Valium®, OxyContin®, Percocet® and codeine. • Vitamins, homeopathic remedies and over-the-counter medications: Non-prescription/non-regulated medications. • Needles and sharpies: Sometimes not allowed in collection programs. • Other items: Consumers may use take-back programs as opportunities to turn in illegal drugs. <p><i>State Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offices should be consulted before a take-back program is launched to ensure that state-specific procedures are met.</i></p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>WHO SHOULD BE PART OF THE COLLECTION TEAM?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSIDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to federal statutes, a law enforcement officer must supervise the process and be present if controlled substances are collected. • Pharmacists or pharmacy technicians should be part of the team so they can accurately separate the controlled from the non-controlled medications.
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<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>DOES YOUR STATE HAVE HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS THAT COULD AFFECT THE TAKE-BACK PROGRAM?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONSIDER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While unused medications from households are usually exempt from hazardous waste rules, if senior centers, clinics or other community-based organizations participate in the program, state and federal rules that govern medicine collection may be relevant. • Check with the state's waste management agency or DEA office to confirm.
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<p data-bbox="224 254 321 394">4</p> <p data-bbox="142 415 407 474">WILL COLLECTION RECORDS BE KEPT?</p>	<p data-bbox="911 107 1068 142">CONSIDER</p> <ul data-bbox="475 226 1338 289" style="list-style-type: none"> • If workable, keep records of the medicines and other items collected. • The most common reporting method is to quantify pounds accumulated. <p data-bbox="911 373 1068 409">RESPOND</p>
<p data-bbox="232 772 313 909">5</p> <p data-bbox="118 930 431 989">HOW WILL CONSUMER PRIVACY BE ENSURED?</p>	<p data-bbox="911 659 1068 695">CONSIDER</p> <ul data-bbox="475 720 1419 877" style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain consumer privacy to ensure the credibility of your take-back program. • Ask consumers to: <ul data-bbox="488 783 1312 877" style="list-style-type: none"> - Black out contact information from the medicine bottles they submit. - Remove the labels altogether from the bottles. - Place the medications into a container or bag, and take the bottles home. <p data-bbox="911 909 1068 945">RESPOND</p>