

SAFELY DISPOSE OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS AT A PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATION

ALEXANDRIA POLICE HEADQUARTERS

3600 Wheeler Ave.
Just inside front entrance
Available 24/7

NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACY

2204 Mount Vernon Ave.
Mon. - Fri.: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sun.: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

4320 Seminary Rd.
Visitor's Lobby
Near the cashier's window
Daily: 1 - 5 p.m.

NEEDLE & SYRINGE DROP BOX

Why is it important to dispose of my medicine safely?

Our country and community are facing an opioid addiction epidemic.

- In 2019, there were 73 opioid-related overdoses in Alexandria, 14 of which were fatal.
- Medicines that languish in home cabinets may be misused and abused, and opioid prescription drugs are of specific concern.
- Across the country, around 70% of the more than 70,630 drug overdose deaths in 2019 involved an opioid.
- Roughly 21 to 29 percent of patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain misuse them.
- Over half of individuals who misused prescription pain relievers got them from a friend or relative.
- Many teens and children are given opioids for sports injuries or surgeries, such as wisdom teeth removal.

Why can't I flush medicines down the toilet?

Unsafe disposal of drugs can harm the environment. Sewage treatment plants are not equipped to filter dissolved drugs out of waste water, so those drugs are then released into the environment, where they have been shown to negatively affect wildlife.

What is the best way to dispose of my medicine safely?

The best way to fight the opioid epidemic is to dispose of unused or expired medication at drug take back events or at permanent medication drop box locations. This includes safe disposal of your pet's prescription drugs, which are as powerful as human drugs. Medication can also be safely disposed of at home by following the tips at alexandriava.gov/opioids.

Needles are not accepted in permanent drug drop boxes.

Dispose of needles and syringes at a separate permanent drop box for these items located at Inova Alexandria Hospital at the same location and hours as the permanent medication drop box.

WWW.ALEXANDRIAVA.GOV/OPIOIDS



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