

Medication and Sharps Disposal



HOME AND
COMMUNITY-
BASED
SERVICES
WYOMING MEDICARE
DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE FINANCING

Medication Disposal

- [Drug Drop Box](#) – In Wyoming, you can text your county name to 307-370-2086 for locations. For out-of-state, you can use the [DEA public disposal locations utility tool](#) to find a drop-box in your area
- [Local law enforcement office](#) – any police station can accept forfeited prescription medications; some locations have drop-boxes in their lobbies but it does vary by jurisdiction
- [DEA Take-Back Day](#) – national drug take-back event sponsored by the DEA typically twice annually in April and October each year
- [At-home disposal](#) – this is the least preferred option, but still advised above throwing in the trash or flushing down the toilet (neither of which are good for the environment)

If you need to dispose of a narcotic medication, you should have a witness and must document your steps thoroughly.

For more information

visit: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicationdonation/donate-meds/>

Sharps Disposal

To maintain the safety of the participant and others, sharps containers should be replaced when they are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full,

The FDA recommends a two step process for disposing of used needles and other sharps safely:

- 1) Place all sharps in a sharps disposal container immediately after use. This will reduce the risk of needle sticks, cuts, and punctures from loose sharps. Sharps containers should be kept safely out of reach of participants, children, and pets. Overfilling a sharps disposal container increases the risk of accidental needle-stick injury.
- 2) Dispose of used sharps disposal containers according to your community guidelines. Wyoming sharps disposal sites can be found by checking your area on <https://safeneedledisposal.org/states/wyoming/>. Some pharmacies, like Walgreens, have sharps disposal programs. Some provider organizations may also elect to contract with a professional medical waste disposal company.