

# Safe Medication Disposal in Stoughton

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## Free Prescription & Over the Counter Medication Disposal

Stoughton residents can dispose of medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at either the MedReturn Kiosk at the Stoughton Police Station at 26 Rose Street or the MedReturn Kiosk at the Walgreens pharmacy at 413 Washington Street.

Please bring medicines in the original container (black out your name and prescription number) or in a clear plastic bag.

### What is collected?

- Prescription Medicines (pills, capsules, and/or patches)
- Over-the-counter medicines (pills, capsules, vitamins)
- Pet medications
- Sample medications



### What is NOT collected?

- Needles
- Thermometers
- Liquid medicines, ointments or lotions
- Inhalers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Aerosols



## Drug Take Backs during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Stoughton residents can dispose of prescription and non-prescription medications during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days held in the Fall. Collection dates are advertised in the Stoughton News, Town of Stoughton website, and the OASIS Facebook page.

**Fall 2020 Collection Date: November 7, 2020**



## Free Hypodermic Needle / Sharps Disposal

Stoughton residents can dispose of hypodermic needles/sharps 24 hours a day /7 days a week at the Self Service Needle Kiosk located in the lobby of the Stoughton Police Department on Rose Street or at Hazardous Waste Days.

Residents should use the following disposal procedure for sharps:

- Needles must be placed in a rigid, puncture resistant plastic container with a secure cap or in a sharps container for disposal in the Needle Kiosk. Containers cannot be larger than 13 x 8 inches.
- Containers must be placed into the Needle Kiosk which operates like a mailbox.
- Fire Department employees **cannot** handle your disposal containers



## Safe Disposal At Home

When it is not possible to attend a Drug Take Back event or to use the MedReturn Kiosk, you can follow these safety tips from the FDA to safely dispose of medicine at home.

- 1) **Check the FDA flush list** for medications that are recommended for flushing because of their high potential for abuse or consequences from accidental ingestion.
- 2) If your medication does not have specific disposal instructions (i.e. flushing) you can follow these simple steps:



- (a) Mix medicines (liquid or pills) with an unappealing substance such as dirt, cat litter, or used coffee grounds. Do not crush tablets or capsules.
- (b) Place the mixture in a container, like a sealed plastic bag.
- (c) Throw away the container with your household trash.

**For more information on Prescription Drug Safety and other Substance Abuse Prevention, visit the Stoughton OASIS Coalition on the web:**

**[www.stoughtonoasis.org](http://www.stoughtonoasis.org)**

**[www.facebook.com/stoughtonoasis](https://www.facebook.com/stoughtonoasis)**

