



# Safe Medicine Disposal Program Protocols

## Items Accepted

- Prescription Pills & Capsules
- Over the Counter Pills & Capsules
- Liquid Medication, Ointments, Lotions, Creams (in sealed container)
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Pet Medications
- Medication Patches
- Homeopathic Remedies
- Medication Samples
- Inhalers

## Items NOT Accepted

- IV Bags
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Personal Care Product
- Aerosol Cans
- Sharps
- Epi-pens
- Thermometers
- Any other waste or medication not listed under Items Accepted

## How to Handle:

### Pills & Capsules

- The pharmacist or consumer shall empty pills from their containers into the Pharma-Safe Collection bin.
- Recycle empty pill containers in pharmacy or send with customer to recycle at home. Black out personal information on labels before recycling.

### Liquids, Ointments, Creams & Lotions

- Black out personal information on label.
- Leave the liquid, lotion, ointment or cream in the original container.
- Place entire container into the Pharma-Safe Collection Bin.

### Medication Patches & Sample Packets

- Black out personal information on label.
- Place blister packs containing pills or capsules directly into the collection bin.
- Place patches directly into collection bins.

## Questions or Problems

- For general questions call the Russian River Watershed Association: (707) 833-2553
- For the Cities of Santa Rosa, Cotati, Rohnert Park and Sebastopol call: (707) 543-3369
- For the Town of Guerneville and the City of Sonoma call: (707) 521-1820