Acceptable & Unacceptable Medications

Unused or expired prescribed (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC) dispensed medicines, including controlled substances (Schedules II-V.) No Schedule I/illegal drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin or meth.

Acceptable for Disposal
- Pills, tablets, capsules
- Ointments
- Creams
- Lotions
- Powders
- Liquid medicines - no more than 4 oz.
  - Solutions, suspensions
  - Liquids must be in their original containers, wrapped in a paper towel and sealed in a plastic bag before being placed in MedSafe.

Unacceptable for Disposal
- Aerosol spray cans*
- Alcohol or hydrogen peroxide
- Needles, syringes or sharps containers
- More than 4 oz. of liquid*
- Trash
- Mercury thermometers*
- Batteries
- Chemicals
- Home-based care (HBC) or durable medical equipment (DME) supplies

*Contact your community’s household hazardous waste department.

Products should be left in the packaging the medication was dispensed in, or loose pills can be placed in a zip-top bag.

MedSafe can only accept unused medications from patients or patients’ caregivers. Inventory from a pharmacy or other healthcare facility is NOT acceptable.

Ask your pharmacist for details.