



DISPOSAL OPTIONS FOR UNWANTED PHARMACEUTICALS

Pharmaceuticals contain thousands of different chemicals and many designate as Dangerous Waste under Washington State regulations. As a member of the health care industry, you are required to properly manage and dispose of your unwanted pharmaceuticals. Disposing of medicines in a biomedical waste “red bag,” in the garbage, or down the drain may be harmful to our waterways and aquatic life.

Reverse Distributors are specialized vendors that have the permitting and expertise to manage many unwanted pharmaceuticals, including controlled substances. When you send your unwanted pharmaceuticals to these companies, they are either returned to drug manufacturers or properly destroyed. Contact the following companies to discuss the details.

Reverse Distributors serving King County

EXP	Guaranteed Returns	Inmar CLS MedTurn	PSI	Reliable Rx Return
800-350-0397 <i>www.expworld.com</i> Also accepts open, broken & expired	206-574-8232 <i>www.guaranteedreturns.com</i> Also accepts open, broken, expired, viable samples and serves veterinarians	800-967-5952 <i>www.cls.inmar.com</i>	206-749-0739 Also accepts open, broken, expired, viable samples and serves veterinarians	800-215-0727 <i>www.reliablereturn.com</i> Also accepts open, broken, expired, viable samples and serves veterinarians

Hazardous Waste Vendor serving King County

If you have waste pharmaceuticals that are not accepted by reverse distributors, the following permitted hazardous waste disposal company can provide transportation and disposal services.

Clean Harbors 425-306-4135 <i>www.cleanharbors.com</i> Accepts open, broken, expired, samples and waste. Serves entire health care sector.

Hospitals and other large medical facilities may have additional options and issues regarding the management of unwanted pharmaceuticals. Additional information is available at the Washington State Department of Ecology Web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/pharmaceuticals/index.html>

Alternative formats available.
Call 206-263-3050 or TTY Relay: 711.

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