

# Drive-Thru Drug Take Back Event Saturday October 25, 2025 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring any prescription & over-the-counter medications for safe, FREE disposal



## East Klickitat County

NO  
SHARPS

**Take-Back Event Site:**  
Klickitat County Courthouse  
205 S. Columbus Street, Goldendale

Medicine take-back events in Southwest WA are funded in partnership by Washington State Health Care Authority. Medicine take-back programs are the only secure and environmentally sound way to dispose of leftover and expired prescription and over-the-counter medication. Thank you for taking part in keeping our community and environment safe and healthy. This event/activity is not sponsored or endorsed by local school districts.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What safety guidelines will be followed?

For everyone's safety, participants will remain in vehicles & use a drive-thru process to dispose of unwanted & expired medication.

#### What medications will be accepted?

Any prescription & over-the-counter medications including pills, liquids & inhalers will be accepted. Removal of personal info on medication labels or packaging is not required.

#### What about sharps & syringes?

Sharps can be dropped off for free at all of the Clark County Transfer Stations during normal business hours. Use an approved sharps container or a rigid plastic container with a lid to transport (ex: plastic milk jug) & label the container:

**WARNING-SHARPS DO NOT RECYCLE**

#### Are vape pens & e-cigarettes being accepted?

YES! All event sites will collect vape pens & e-cigarettes **WITHOUT batteries** for disposal. If batteries aren't removable, ask electronic chain stores or local Hazardous Material Transfer Stations if they accept these devices for disposal & for extra guidance on proper disposal.

#### How are collected medications disposed of?

All prescription & over-the-counter medication collected at drug take back events are **safely incinerated by the D.E.A.**

## LOCKS SAVE LIVES



Ease of access is the #1 reason youth misuse prescription drugs. YOU can save a life by storing prescription medication at home in a locked location. It's easy & important!

A national study indicated 29% of parents with children 18 years-of-age and younger report storing medication safely in the home—in a latched or locked location. (Pediatrics, 2017)

**We can do better. Together, we can achieve 100%.**

**Did you know** the most common drugs misused by teens & adults come from family & friends' home medicine cabinets? 75 percent of opioid misuse starts with using medicine not prescribed for them. Proper disposal of unwanted & expired medication using a take back program reduces access & protects loved ones by preventing accidental poisonings, overdose & misuse that can lead to prescription drug addiction.

**Did you know** medications not disposed of properly end up in the environment? Let's work together to keep these substances out our landfills & waterways. Source: SAMHSA

**Locks Save Lives** is a local campaign developed by Clark County youth substance use prevention coalitions and their partners to encourage and inform about safe medication storage as well as proper disposal – two of the most effective deterrents to accidental poisonings, overdose, medicine theft, and misuse that can lead to prescription drug addiction.

**To Learn More About Locks Save Lives:**  
[lockssavelives.org](http://lockssavelives.org)

## EVERY DAY IS TAKE BACK DAY

If you missed DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, you can still drop off your old, unneeded, or unused medications year-round at one of the many pharmacies, hospitals, and police departments working to help you clean out your medicine cabinets throughout the year. In addition, many of these locations provide postage paid mail-back envelopes free of charge, upon request.



**Find year-round & mail-back disposal:**  
[medtakebackwashington.org](http://medtakebackwashington.org)  
or [bit.ly/DEATake-Back](http://bit.ly/DEATake-Back)

In Partnership with the following  
Youth Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions:



Community partners include: Coalition for Preventing Abuse in Klickitat County (CPAC), Klickitat County Sheriff's Department, Washington Gorge Action Program, Klickitat Valley Health, Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health, Washington State Health Care Authority, U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration