

Don't flush medications!



Flushing medications can cause contamination to Kansas aquatic environments.

Instead of flushing, Douglas County residents can take excess or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications to the local household hazardous waste facility listed below.

City of Lawrence/Douglas County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Lawrence, Kansas

Facility operates by appointment only.

Please call 785-832-3030 to schedule a drop off and get directions to the facility.

This facility CANNOT accept controlled or narcotic substances, such as prescription painkillers like Percocet, or others like Xanax. If you cannot use this local household hazardous waste facility, then follow the Kansas Department of Health and Environment disposal recommendations listed below to prevent purposeful or accidental recovery of these medications.* Your local retail pharmacies support this water quality protection project.

Prepare excess medication as follows:

Crush or dissolve pills in water, coffee, or another liquid. Make a paste of the dissolved pills or liquid medication by adding it to kitty litter or coffee grounds. Put the paste in a closed container, making sure any personal markings are removed. Then put the closed container in the trash.

* *These steps to safe disposal are recommendations from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are detailed in a guidance document available at <http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/guidance/sw07-01.pdf>.*

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