

**Department of Environmental Protection  
Homeowner's Guide to Disposal of  
Unwanted Medications**

- **Do Not** give drugs to anyone else!
- **Do Not** put drugs in the trash without disguising them! Human or animal scavengers may find them and misuse them.
- **Do Not** flush that leftover medicine! It can cause contamination to the aquatic environment because of wastewater treatment systems are not designed to remove many of these medications.

**To protect the environment, please use these guidelines  
instead of flushing medications.**

- Keep in the original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
- Mark out your name & prescription number for safety.
- For pills: add some water or soda to start dissolving them.
- For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter or dirt. • Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
- Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a detergent container.
- Tape that container closed.
- Hide the container in the trash. Do not put in the recycle bin.

**Medication Log**

Name		
Name of		
Medication		
Date Started		
Quantity Issued		
Dose		
Prescribing Physician		
Physician Phone #		
Refill #		
Pharmacy Phone #		