

# Clean Out Your **MEDICATIONS** Cabinet!

**POISON**  
**Help**  
1-800-222-1222

Bring unused over-the-counter and prescription medications to the following location so they can be safely destroyed.



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## **Weber-Morgan Health Department**

477 23rd Street

**Saturday September 25, 2010  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

To find permanent disposal bins call the DEQ Hotline

**1-800-458-0145**

or visit [www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov](http://www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov)

Weber-Morgan Health Department 801-399-7160 [webermorganhealth.org](http://webermorganhealth.org)  
Weber Human Services Prevention 801-625-3674 [whsprevention@weberhs.org](mailto:whsprevention@weberhs.org)



Weber Human Services  
**PREVENTION**



# Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet!

PLEASE! **Do Not Flush** your unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. You can prevent **abuse, poisoning and pollution** by taking them to the event listed on the front of this flyer or to one of 51 permanent community disposal locations throughout the state listed at:

<http://www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov>



## Why Should I Take the Time To Do This?

Proper disposal of unwanted medicines may be a chore, but there are important reasons to do this in a safe and responsible way.

### **It's your environment - Please don't flush!**

- Many drugs flushed down the toilet cannot be removed by the sewer treatment plant or septic system.
- These substances then get into our streams, rivers, lakes, groundwater and our soil and may cause harm to the environment.

### **Drug abuse is very common.**

- Abuse of prescription drugs, particularly painkillers, has increased among teenagers and young adults.
- More than half of people who abuse painkillers get the drugs for free from friends or relatives.

### **You can make a difference!**

- Children and pets can find medicine in your home or in your trash.
- Drugs may be taken by accident, on purpose or illegally sold.
- You can prevent accidental poisoning and drug abuse.



## What can I expect if I go to the Medication Take-Back Event?

- This take-back event is only for households. Medical waste, including medications from hospitals, long term care facilities, clinics, group homes, Dr.'s offices or other medical facilities is not allowed.
- Leave medications in the original container and leave the label on. You can black out or remove your personal information but keep the information about the medication legible.
- This is a completely anonymous and free drop-off. There is no refund and medications will not be resold or used. All medications will be destroyed through incineration.
- Thermometers will not be accepted.
- Sharps will be collected
- Events are held in parking lots to facilitate "Drive-Up and Drop-Off" collections.
- Police are present to comply with federal laws regarding controlled substances as they are the only personnel who can legally take possession of controlled substances after they have been prescribed.



## What if I cannot go to the Medication Take-Back Event?

- You can find permanent community collection sites near you at [www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov](http://www.medicationdisposal.utah.gov), and directions for safe disposal in your trash if there is no site near you. This website also lists other one-time Take-Back events occurring at different times and locations around the state.