

Did You Know?



A Prescription for CLEAN Water

What Can I Do?

- ✓ Check if your pharmacy has a take-back program
- ✓ Contact your local solid waste office for a collection program
- ✓ **Do NOT flush medications down the toilet—throw them away!**
- ✓ Follow the Federal Guidelines for proper disposal:
 1. Take unneeded medications out of their original containers and throw them in the trash
 2. Mix prescriptions with an undesirable substance, such as coffee grounds or cat litter, and put them in unlabeled containers
 3. Flush prescriptions down the toilet only if the pharmacist's instructions indicate such

NOTE: Patients should always refer to printed material accompanying their medication for specific disposal instructions



Medications you flush are not removed by water treatment

They affect the wildlife in our environment...

in our water table...

... and in our homes



They can affect our health!

Tell Me How?

1. CRUSH

Crush pills and tablets



2. MIX

Mix liquids or crushed tablets with something distasteful



3. THROW

Conceal in your trash can



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