

Washingtonians Use Medicine Take-Back Programs!

How much medicine has been collected by Washington State temporary medicine take-back programs?
Over 162,000 pounds have been returned and safely destroyed since 2006.

Highlights:

- **In just 4 hours** on Saturday, October 29th, **9,502 pounds of unwanted medicines were collected** by law enforcement in 100 locations across Washington State.
- **Group Health Cooperative** – at its 25 locations across the state **collects 600 – 700 pounds every two weeks.**

Most of these temporary and voluntary programs are funded by local governments, law enforcement, pharmacies or short-term grants. This funding is unstable due to budget constraints. We need a statewide program with sustainable funding from drug companies!

**See below for a sampling of the pounds of unwanted medicines
being returned by some take-back programs in Washington.**

Bartell Drugs Pharmacies - 24 locations, Mar 2008 - Dec 2011 King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties	=	24150
Clallam County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 3 locations, Jul 2009 - Oct 2011	=	5500
Clark County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 22 locations, Nov 2003 - Dec 2011	=	16948
Cowlitz County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 5 locations, Sep 2009 - Oct 2011	=	395
DEA take-back day in WA Local Law Enforcement - 93 locations, 4 hours - Sep 25, 2010	=	8931
DEA take-back day in WA Local Law Enforcement - 85 locations, 4 hours - Apr 30, 2011	=	8535
DEA take-back day in WA Local Law Enforcement - 100 locations, 4 hours - Oct 29, 2011	=	9502
Grant County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 2 locations, Mar 2011 - Oct 2011	=	175
Group Health Cooperative Pharmacies - 25 locations in 5 counties from Oct 2006 - Dec 2011 King, Kitsap, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane and Thurston Counties	=	65118
King County Law Enforcement - 9 locations, Jan 2009 - Oct 2011	=	1113
Kitsap County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 4 locations, Sep 2010 - Oct 2011	=	240
Lewis County Law Enforcement - 5 locations, Nov 2010 - Jun 2011	=	249
Mason County Law Enforcement - 2 locations, Oct 2010 - Sep 2011	=	560
Pacific County Pharmacies - 3 locations, Apr 2011 - Nov 2011	=	35
Pierce County Law Enforcement - 19 locations, Sep 2008 – Oct 2011	=	3725
San Juan County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 6 locations, Feb 2011 - Oct 2011	=	782
Skagit County Law Enforcement - 6 locations, May 2011 - Aug 2011	=	170
Snohomish County Partnership for Secure Medicine Disposal Law Enforcement - 27 locations, Mar 2008 - Oct 2011	=	7040
Thurston County Law Enforcement - 6 locations, Jan 2010 - Dec 2011	=	5461
Whatcom County Law Enforcement and Pharmacies - 7 locations, Apr 2010 - Dec 2011	=	3439
Whitman County Law Enforcement - 1 location, Jun 2010 - Oct 2011	=	102