

**Pharmacy Phone: 614-293-5920**

**Pharmacy Hours:**

**Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

## Drug Take-Back Program FAQs

### **What is the Drug Take-Back Program?**

It is a DEA and Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved program that allows individuals to dispose of unused or unwanted medications.

### **What items are allowed to be collected?**

Schedule II-V controlled substances and non-controlled medications lawfully possessed by an ultimate user. These medications can co-mingle.

### **Can patients give their unwanted drugs to OSUWMC employee for placement in the receptacle?**

No. Patients or a member of their household must place their own drugs directly into the receptacle. This also means that a nurse or other staff member cannot bring drugs to the receptacle for a patient.

### **What items are prohibited from collection?**

- Illegal substances
- Aerosols or inhalers
- Medical sharps (needles, syringes, lancets, etc.)
- Mercury thermometers
- Batteries
- Medical equipment, supplies or devices
- Hazardous drugs or chemicals (see OSUWMC Department of Pharmacy Hazardous Drug List)

### **What can OSUWMC staff do?**

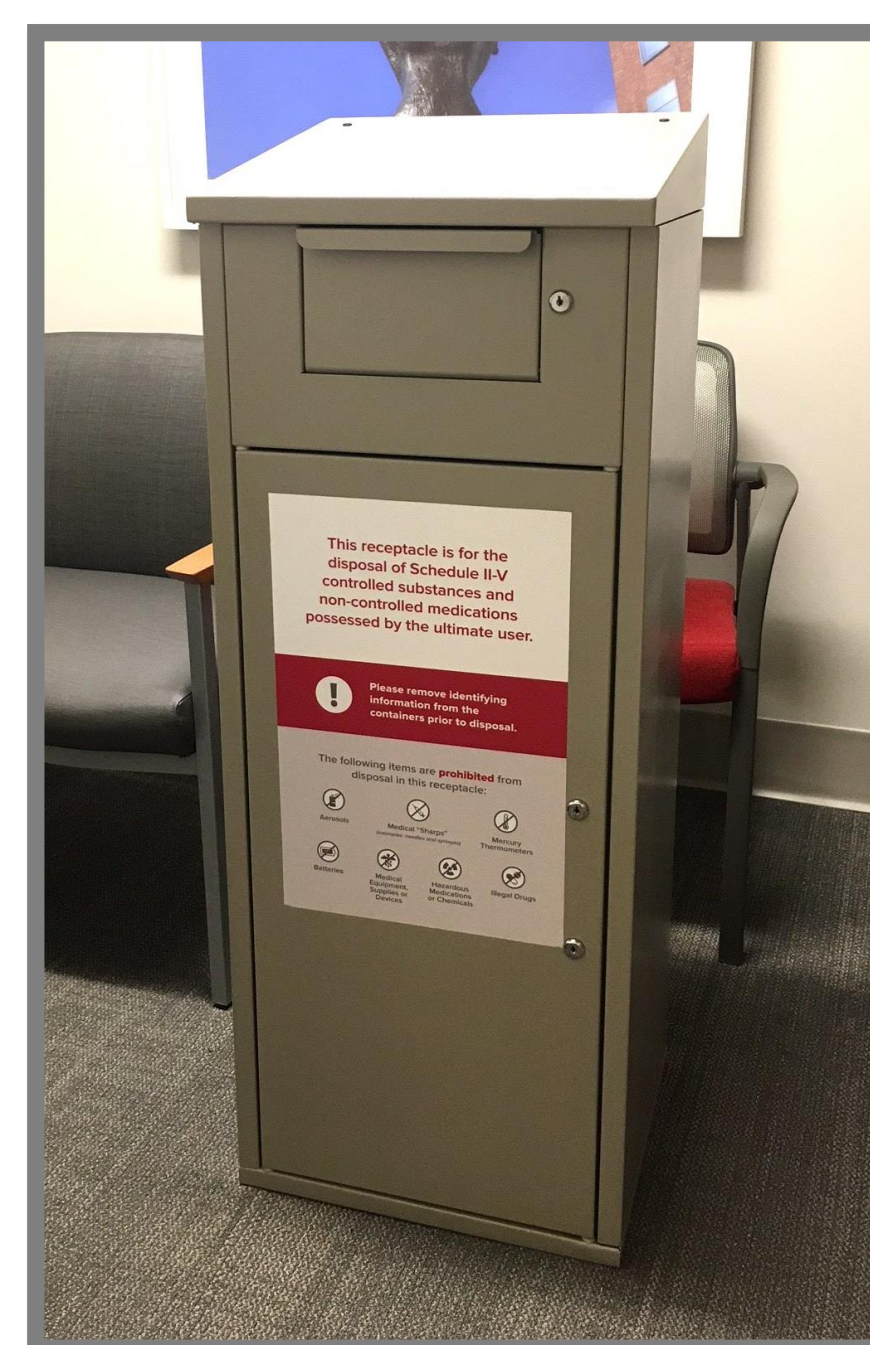
Staff can answer questions about the Drug Take-Back Program and give directions to the receptacle.

### **What are OSUWMC staff prohibited from doing by Federal Law?**

- Employees cannot review or retrieve contents from the receptacle (even items accidentally placed in receptacle).
- Employees cannot handle the drugs being disposed.
- Employees should observe the receptacle and notify OSU Security and management of any suspicious behavior (loitering around receptacle, daily trips to receptacle, etc.).

### **What does the drug collection receptacle look like?**

- The collection receptacle is made of metal and looks similar to a mailbox and contains a cardboard box layered with plastic.
- A lockable access slot allows unwanted/expired drugs to be deposited.



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