

The Pipeline



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Monday-Friday
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24 hours per day/
7 days per week

Commissioners:

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CRWWD Stats... (Jan – Mar 2011)

- Processed 11,373 calls
- Connected approximately 0.74 homes to sewer per day
- 3 new subdivisions
- 3 new commercial projects



Dispose of Medications Safely

Disposing of outdated medication is a growing environmental problem. These drugs end up in the surface water or ground water whenever someone flushes medications down the toilet or tosses them into the garbage.

Flushed medications dissolve in water and wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove them. In landfills, medications dissolve and pass directly into the ground water. This creates a problem for humans, fish and wildlife.

You can help reduce the flow of medications into the environment by properly disposing of your unwanted medications using any of the four methods suggested below.

1) Return unwanted medications to participating pharmacies in the Vancouver area, including:

- ◆ Fred Meyer:
2500 Columbia House Blvd. (694-1536)
16600 SE McGillivray Blvd. (260-3333)
7700 NE Highway 99 (699-8133)
11325 SE Mill Plain Blvd. (253-7086)
7411 NE 117 Avenue (896-3533)
800 NE Tenny Road (571-2573)

- ◆ Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital:
The Apothecary
2121 NE 139 St. #310 (487-3700)

- ◆ Mill Plain Medical & Pharmacy:
8614 E. Mill Plain Blvd. (253-4367)

◆ Safeway:

408 NE 81 Street (574-8824)
3707 Main Street (993-8604)
11696 NE 76th Street (944-2665)
13719 SE Mill Plain Blvd. (891-4254)
13023 NE Highway 99 (566-7986)
6700 NE 162 Avenue (944-2680)
6701 E Mill Plain Blvd. (992-5726)
408 NE 81 Street (574-8824)
6711 NE 63 Street (992-5686)
2615 NE 112 Avenue (449-5205)

◆ Southwest Washington Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy:

420 NE Mother Joseph Place (514-2294)

Most participating pharmacies will accept unwanted medications at no charge if they meet the following requirements:

- ◆ Must be in original container with the name of the medicine clearly visible
- ◆ The container must not be leaking and is capable of being sealed
- ◆ All patient information must be removed or obscured
- ◆ Must not be a controlled substance

You may also contact Clark County Solid Waste at 397-2121 ext. 4352 to ask about a specific pharmacy or have a copy of the list mailed to you.

Senior Low-Income Discount Rates: Do You Qualify?

Are you aware of the District's senior low-income discount rates? Seniors age 62 or older who own and live year-round in their homes may qualify. To be eligible, seniors must meet income levels based upon the 2010 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

For 2011-2012, a household of any size at 125 percent of the income guideline (up to \$18,213/year) qualifies for a 35 percent discount. Households between 126 and 200 percent of the income guideline (up to \$29,140/year) qualify for a 20 percent discount.

Eligible seniors wishing to participate need to present these documents at the District office:

- ◆ A 2010 tax return or, if an income tax return was not filed, a letter of non-filing from the IRS (first time applicants or applicants that have not previously provided a letter of non-filing only)
- ◆ Valid picture ID with birth date (first time applicants only)
- ◆ Copy of last year's social security income statement

Seniors currently receiving the discount, or those who previously received an application packet, will receive a letter and application packet by mail sometime in May. Others should stop by or call the District office to request an application packet.

The new guidelines and discount rates begin July 1, 2011 and continue through June 30, 2012. Feel free to call Tammy Clark, Finance Specialist II, at (360) 993-8808 with questions about the program.

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2) Ask your physician if he/she will take unwanted medications for safe disposal.

3) Take unwanted medications (except controlled substances) to a household hazardous waste collection facility, including:

- ◆ **Central Transfer & Recycling Center:**
11034 NE 117 Avenue (256-8482)
- ◆ **West Van Materials Recovery Center:**
6601 NW Old Lower River Road (737-1727)
- ◆ **Mobile collection events:**
Call Clark County Public Works (397-6118 x. 4352)

4) Take unwanted controlled substances to:

- ◆ **Clark County Sheriff's Office:**
11608 NE 149 Street (397-6195)
505 NW 179 Street (397-6079)
707 W 13 Street (397-2211)

Always call before transporting unwanted medications. Not all medications can be taken to every disposal site. Some medications must be taken to special sites for proper disposal. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if your unwanted medication is classified as a controlled substance or call the Washington Poison Center at (800) 222-1222.

For additional information about properly disposing of your unwanted medications, please visit the County's website, www.clark.wa.gov/recycle/A-Z/Materials/Meds.html.

How Do I Pay My Bill?

- ◆ **Online:** www.CRWWD.com
Debit/Credit Card & Electronic Check Payments
- ◆ **By Phone:** Call (360) 750-5876 and press "1". Available 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday-Friday, except District holidays
Debit/Credit Card Payments
- ◆ **In Person:** 8000 NE 52 Court, Vancouver, WA. Available 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday-Friday, except District holidays
Cash/Check/Debit/Credit Card Payments
- ◆ **By Mail:** PO Box 8955, Vancouver, WA 98668
Check Payments
- ◆ Payments can be made at any **First Independent Bank** branch office
Cash/Check Payments
- ◆ **Payment Drop Box:** 8000 NE 52 Court, Vancouver, WA
Check Payments
- ◆ **Recurring Payments:**
Direct Debit from Bank Account (Authorization form found at www.CRWWD.com)
Credit Card Payments

Note: The District accepts Visa or MasterCard credit/debit cards only