



FREE

to residents of East Contra Costa County.

Delta Diablo service area:

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| Antioch | Discovery Bay |
| Bay Point | Knightsen |
| Bethel Island | Oakley |
| Brentwood | Pittsburg |
| Byron | |

Businesses and Health Care Providers

Delta Diablo cannot accept medications or Sharps from businesses, health care providers, medical professionals or hospices. It is not permitted by law. Please contact a medical waste contractor for service.



Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM • Not open holidays.

www.deltadiablo.org
(925) 756-1990



How should I **safely dispose** of my unused medications?

Expired or unused pharmaceuticals pose a danger to your family, community and the environment. We are here to protect the local environment by providing a **free** pharmaceutical collection service to residents of **East Contra Costa County**. Bring your unwanted medications to:

How should I **safely dispose** of my **SHARPS**?

Never flush SHARPS (syringes, needles or lancets) or toss them in the trash.

State law requires they be placed in a red or yellow approved Sharps bio-hazard container for transport to the Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. We will properly dispose of your sharps.

Protect your privacy

Use a dark marking pen and delete your name or any personal information before dropping off unwanted medications.

What's in your bathroom cabinets?

Do you have a collection of prescription and over-the-counter medications which have expired or are no longer used?



Why can't I flush them?

Never flush medications down the toilet. Many drugs are water soluble and can harm our local ecosystems and aquatic life.

Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to remove all traces of pharmaceutical chemicals.

Flushing medicine down the toilet can result in contaminants reaching our local waterways and the Delta!



Dispose responsibly.



- Children and the elderly are frequent victims of accidental poisonings from medications in their homes.
- More teens abuse prescription and over-the-counter drugs than any illicit drug except marijuana.
- Traces of medication have been found in water samples all over the country.
- Research has linked pharmaceutical pollutants to reproductive defects in fish, resistance to antibiotics and the development of drug-resistant germs.



Where do I take them?

Delta Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

2550 Pittsburg-Antioch Highway
Pittsburg, CA 94565

What about controlled substances?

By law we cannot accept controlled substances. Contact your local police department for information.

The Drug Enforcement Agency holds an annual National Drug Take Back event. For information on future events in your area, visit www.dea.gov or call 1-800-882-9539.