

# TAKEAWAY™

## ENVIRONMENTAL RETURN SYSTEM *Iowa's Medication Disposal Program*



### ACCEPTABLE:

Unused or expired medicines prescription (Rx) or over-the-counter (OTC), including:

- pills, tablets, capsules
- ointments
- creams
- lotions
- powders
- inhalers, nebulizer solutions
- liquid medicines ≤ 4 oz.
  - solutions, suspensions
  - liquids must be wrapped in a paper towel and placed in a sealed plastic bag before being placed in a TakeAway™ container

### NOT ACCEPTABLE:

Controlled substances (such as):

- Adderall, Vicodin, Demerol, Hydrocodone, MS Contin, Ambien

Any sharps\* (such as):

- Syringes
- Lancets

Liquids > 4 oz.\*

Thermometers\*

Home based care (HBC) or durable medical equipment (DME) supplies (such as):

- Rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide

\*contact local solid waste agency

***Products should be left in the packaging the medication was dispensed in. This will provide a means of disposing of the packaging, contain and protect the medication in transit, minimize any exposure and is also one of the requirements of the transporter.***

**TakeAway™ can only accept unused medications from patients or patients' caregivers. Inventory from a pharmacy or other healthcare center is NOT acceptable.**

**Questions? Check with your pharmacist.**

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