

Thank you for your interest in the prescription drug turn-in event scheduled for Saturday April 28, 2018 from 10:00AM-2:00PM at 4735 E Burnside.

If you are not able to attend this event, but you have medication to dispose of, please consider these additional options:

- There are many drug disposal events taking place on April 28, 2018. Locate a different drug turn-in event location that may be more accessible for you by entering your zip code, or county, city, and state in the following search engine located on the DEA website: <https://bit.ly/2JiihEI>
- **You don't have to wait for a drug turn-in event to dispose of medications.** Take the medication to a participating pharmacy or clinic for disposal year-round! You can locate your nearest drug drop-box by entering your zip code or city in the following search engine located on the DEA website: <https://bit.ly/2EkKbMy>
- Please keep all medication in a safe place until you are able to dispose of it. A medication safe is a great way to control access to your medications, prevent accidental poisonings among young children and prevent the potential for theft.
- If you are unable to turn your medication in for safe disposal please do not flush it! Per the Environment Protection Agency, medication can be mixed in with an unpalatable substance such as old coffee grounds or kitty litter prior to being put in the trash. <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/how-to-dispose-medicines.pdf>

### **Additional Tips**

#### **Should medication be in its original container?**

We will accept the medication in its original container. However, to cut back on the amount of packaging turned in at a drug turn-in event, it is helpful if you can consolidate your medications into one bag or leak proof container.

#### **Can medication containers be recycled?**

If you are in the City of Portland, you can include your medication containers in with your curbside recycling if they are 6 ounces or bigger (about the size of a yogurt cup). Medication lids and containers smaller than 6 ounces can be put in the trash. For additional questions about recycling medication containers contact METRO at 503-234-3000.