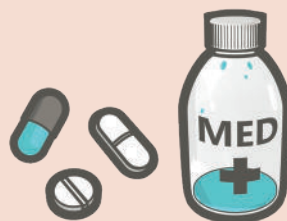


Return

expired and unused
medicines to a pharmacy



All expired or unused medicines are pharmaceutical waste. Pharmaceutical household waste can be taken to a pharmacy free of charge.

Bring the following medicines in a transparent bag:

- loose tablets, capsules
- blister packs without a carton wrapper
- creams, sticks and liquid medicines in their own packaging
- inhalation powders and liquids
- transdermal patches and nicotine patches (fold the adhesive surfaces of the used transdermal patches against each other).



Please bring these separately from other pharmaceutical waste:

- medicines containing iodine (e.g. Jodix, Betadine)
- mercury thermometers
(broken thermometers in a sealed package)
- syringes and needles in an impermeable container,
such as a glass jar
- cytostatic agents in their original packaging.

Food supplements, vitamins and base creams are sorted
into mixed waste.



Protect the Baltic Sea.
No medicines down the drain or in the trash.

How to sort medicine packages:

- For data security reasons, remove the instruction labels containing patient information from the packaging.
- Empty packages that contained liquid medicines, medicinal gels and creams are sorted into mixed waste.
- Sort empty packages that contained tablets or capsules by material.

Medicines in the wrong place may cause harm to health and to the environment

- Unused medicines and thermometers containing mercury are hazardous waste and must not be disposed of in the bin or down the drain.
- Pharmaceutical waste collected in pharmacies is disposed of safely at a hazardous waste treatment plant.
- Medicines increase the chemical load on the environment if they end up in nature.
- Disposing of antibiotics down the drain can promote the formation of drug-resistant microbial strains and damage wastewater treatment.

HSY is responsible for the management of hazardous household waste in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area and Kirkkonummi. Pharmacies collect pharmaceutical waste in cooperation with HSY.

If you don't know if a product is a medicine or not, ask the pharmacy staff. Other hazardous household waste can be taken free of charge to HSY's Sortti collection.

Find sorting instructions and collection points in HSY's Waste Guide hsy.fi/wasteguide