Prescription pain medications (commonly called opioids) are often involved in accidental poisonings and intentional misuse. It is important to safely dispose of these medications when you are done using them.

If I can’t visit an authorized collector what are my other options for disposal?

1. Remove medicine from original container and mix (do not crush) with an unpalatable substance such as kitty litter or used coffee grounds.
2. Place mixture in a sealed bag and throw in household trash.
3. Scratch out personal information on the prescription label and dispose original container.

Additional resources about safe opioid use, storage, and disposal can be found online at: Michigan-OPEN.org

Do you have leftover prescription pain medication?

If the disposal options presented in the center of this brochure are not available...

...you can dispose pills in household trash by following these steps:

This brochure explains some environmentally-friendly options for safe disposal.

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You can return any unused pills to an **Authorized Collector.**

**To find collectors in your area, visit:**

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