

Medicines

The Arizona Administrative Code R18-13-1418. Discarded Drugs, guides the disposal of discarded drugs not returned to the manufacturer, to “destroy the drugs on site prior to placing the waste out for collection. A generator shall destroy the discarded drugs by any method that prevents the drug’s use. If federal or state law prescribes a specific method for destruction of discarded drugs, the generator shall comply with that law.”

If you live in or near a city in Arizona, check with your local police department for the location of a Prescription Drop Box, or go online to

<http://www.azcjc.gov/ACJC.Web/Rx/Drop%20Box%20Locations.pdf>

If the drug is a controlled substance, ie. Narcotics, call the police station first and ask if they will accept narcotics and other controlled substances in their Drug Drop Boxes. If they do not accept narcotic drugs, save the medicines until you can get to a National Drug Take Back Day event . See

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html for a location near you.

As stated above, you also have the option of participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency’s National Drug Take Back Day. These events typically occur at the end of April and the end of September. For more information on when this event will occur, go online to http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html