

What can you bring in for disposal?

The hospital will accept non-prescription over-the-counter medications (OTC), prescription medications and even pet medications. You can bring in pills, liquids, ointments and lotions. You can leave the medication in its original packaging or put it in a sealable plastic bag. You can even combine medications in one bag. If you bring in a liquid medication, please put the bottle in a sealable plastic bag to avoid leakage.

What can't you bring in for disposal?

There are several categories of prescription drugs that cannot be accepted for disposal at this time. These are controlled substances including drugs such as amphetamines, narcotics, codeine and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) treatments. If you are not sure whether your medication falls into this category, please contact your pharmacy.

The health center also cannot accept used syringes, asthma inhalers or drugs in aerosol canisters or chemotherapy drugs, either IV liquids or oral medications.

For these types of drugs, do not buy more than you can use before the expiration date. If you need to dispose of either controlled substances or chemotherapy drugs, call your pharmacist for assistance. Some pharmacies are willing to accept these drugs for disposal.

Collection location and hours

You can drop off medications at the Protection Services Office at Southwest General Health Center between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day. The office is located at the south end of the hospital. You can use the door at the south parking lot,