

# TOXIC Chemicals Medications



## Pollutes the pill

Keep our waters toxin-free. Don't dump unused medicine and toxic chemicals down the drain.



### Common Household Hazardous Materials:

- ◉ Swimming-pool Chemicals
- ◉ Stains and Varnishes
- ◉ Wood Preservatives
- ◉ Antifreeze
- ◉ Adhesive Glues
- ◉ Solvents
- ◉ Pesticides
- ◉ Paint Thinners
- ◉ Engine Oil
- ◉ Household Cleaning Products
- ◉ Gasoline
- ◉ Kerosene and Motor Oil
- ◉ Brake and Transmission Fluid
- ◉ Insecticides
- ◉ Poisons
- ◉ Engine Degreasers

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## Safely Dispose of your Unwanted Medicines.

- 1 The Safe Medicine Disposal for ME Program supplies free medicine return envelopes to all Maine residents. Envelopes are available at many area pharmacies. FMI, visit [www.safemeddisposal.com](http://www.safemeddisposal.com) or call 1-866-ME-RX-RID.
- 2 Contact your community to see if they have plans for a medicine collection day.
- 3 If home disposal is your only option, take these precautions. Take medicines out of their original containers and mix them with coffee grounds or kitty litter. Put the mixture in a sealable bag and discard in the trash.

## Keep Toxic Chemicals out of your Water.

- 1 Instead of using potentially hazardous chemicals, use safe, nontoxic alternatives. There are many 'green' cleaning products available or you can make your own out of common household products like vinegar, borax, soap, and lemon juice.
- 2 If you do use hazardous chemicals, leftover products should be brought to a recycling center or a hazardous waste collection site.



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