

## WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Mailback envelopes will be available free of charge at participating pharmacies on May 12, 2008 while supplies last:

- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 112 Bennett Drive, Caribou, 498-8735
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 137 North Street, Houlton, 532-6876
- Miller Drug, 210 State St, Bangor, 1-800-427-8369
- Penobscot Community Health Center Pharmacy, 242 Brunswick Street, Old Town, 945-5247
- Penobscot Nation Health Center Pharmacy, 23 Wabanaki Way, Indian Island, 817-7435
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 83 Hospital St. Augusta, 623-1414
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 2007 No. Belfast Ave., Augusta, 622-2626
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 211 Main Street, Waterville, 877-9004
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 365 Allen Ave., Portland, 797-4351
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, 600 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, 885-1515

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

[www.safemeddisposal.com](http://www.safemeddisposal.com)

Or call the Helpline at:

**1-866-637-9743**

## PROGRAM PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- University of Maine Center on Aging
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- United States Postal Service
- Community Medical Foundation for Patient Safety
- Rite Aid Pharmacies
- Maine Benzodiazepine Study Group
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Maine Drug Enforcement Agency
- Maine Office of Elder Services
- Maine Office of Substance Abuse
- Maine Office of the Attorney General
- Maine Pharmacists Association
- Maine RSVP Programs
- Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center
- National Council on Patient Information and Education
- Northern New England Poison Center
- Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians
- Maine Council for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- Community pharmacies throughout Maine
- Villanova University Center for the Environment

**SAFE  
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DISPOSAL  
FOR ME**



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## WHAT IS SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL FOR ME?



Safe Medicine Disposal for ME is an easy, anonymous way for Maine's older adults, 65 years of age and older, and

their caregivers to safely and properly get rid of unused or expired medicine.

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## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- **Nothing!** It is FREE to participate.
  - Safe Medicine Disposal for ME has already paid for the envelopes and postage.
  - Just follow the instructions, and the envelopes are ready to go!
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## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Postage-paid medicine return kits are distributed to participating pharmacies across the state.
- Pharmacists then give the kits including an envelope and instruction packet to older adults and their caregivers.
- Participants follow the enclosed instructions to place unused medications in the envelope.
- Envelopes are returned by mail to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and then safely destroyed.



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## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Minimize accidental overdoses and poisonings of:
  - \* Older Adults
  - \* Children
  - \* Teenagers
  - \* Pets
- Limit illegal diversion of prescription drugs and drug related thefts and crimes
- Decrease opportunities for drug abuse
- Prevent environmental exposure to:
  - \* Protect water, and
  - \* Protect wildlife
- Help reduce waste in the health care system

