

# Richmond police, CVS team up to help residents safely dispose of medications

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Richmond police are making it easier for residents to dispose of expired or unwanted medications.

The department has teamed up with CVS pharmacy to place drug disposal bins, which are free to use, in police headquarters and the department's four precincts.

Improper disposal of prescription medication can lead to accidental poisoning, overdose, abuse and illegal sales, police said.

In addition, residents shouldn't flush medications down a toilet for environmental reasons, police said.

The bins are at the following locations:

**Police headquarters:** 200 W Grace St.

**First Precinct:** 2501 Q St.

**Second Precinct:** 177 Belt Blvd.

**Third Precinct:** 301 S. Meadow St.

**Fourth Precinct:** 2219 Chamberlayne Ave.

The bins are available during regular business hours.

Accepted items include prescriptions, prescription patches, prescription medications, prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, samples and medications for pets.

Illegal narcotics, medical waste or bulk commercial medications, hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, syringes, aerosol cans and inhalers are not permitted.

All medications collected will be incinerated according to federal and state environmental guidelines, police said.



Prescription bottles