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## DISPOSAL OF PHARMACEUTICALS

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MedDrop is a pharmaceuticals disposal program designed to encourage environmentally-safe disposal of unneeded, expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

### **The Problem**

Traditionally, many people simply flush old, unwanted medicines down a toilet. Unfortunately, some of these pharmaceuticals have found their way into the environment because they have not been removed during the waste treatment process. These pharmaceuticals can have a lasting negative effect on plant and animal life.

### **The Solution**

The City of Sunnyvale has created the MedDrop program, a program that encourages residents to drop off their unwanted medicines at any Sunnyvale fire station for environmentally-safe disposal.

### **What's Kind of Medicine is Accepted?**

MedDrop will accept all a resident's prescription and over-the-counter medicines. Illegal narcotics are not accepted, and MedDrop cannot accept "sharps." Sharps are needles and lancets. To find a safe drop-off location for sharps, please visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to find a nearby site.

### **How do I use MedDrop?**

Visit any of the six Sunnyvale fire stations and give your medicines to an officer on duty. Please do not simply leave the medicines at an unattended station; medicines must be given to an officer.

### **What Happens Then?**

The receiving officer will log in your medicines and place them into secure storage. The medicines will then be turned over to a licensed waste disposal firm which will destroy the medicines in an environmentally-safe manner.

### **What if I have more questions?**

Call the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety desk officer at (408) 730-7110, TDD (408) 730-7501.

### **Where are the fire stations?**

Station 1 – 171 N. Mathilda Ave.  
Station 2 – 795 E. Arques Ave.  
Station 3 – 910 Ticonderoga

Station 4 – 996 S. Wolfe Road  
Station 5 – 1120 Lockheed Way  
Station 6 – 1282 N. Lawrence Station Road