

Fact Sheet for the Report on Options for Managing Home Generated Medications in San Joaquin County

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Photo: California State University Sacramento pharmacist demonstrating bin usage.

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Mission: To shift California's product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

What People Are Saying About It!

- *“A great guide to managing the safe disposal of leftover medicines!”*
– Tim Goncharoff, County of Santa Cruz
- *“Even though it was written for the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County, this report is a useful resource for any local government grappling with how to provide safe disposal options for unwanted home generated medications.”*
– Lisa Steinman, Sonoma County Waste Management Agency
- *“This document provides a clear path for an economically sustainable management option for unwanted pharmaceuticals for the City of Stockton and San Joaquin County, one that that does not put the burden of disposal costs on their communities.”*
– Manuel Medrano, City of Chula Vista
- *“Definitely a great resource to all concerned with this issue.”*
– Chris Angel, Yellow Jug Old Drugs

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Purpose

1. Provide a comprehensive review of the current status of medication management in the region and beyond, and offer recommended strategies for managing home-generated medication.
2. Outline the concerns about home-generated medications which can result in drug abuse and poisonings as well as be a source of water pollution, the safest way to manage medications, how other jurisdictions are managing medications, San Joaquin County's current management of medication and options for managing medications in the County.
3. Provide in-depth resource for all local governments and policy makers.

Key Content

- Background information regarding current disposal options and environmental health, water quality and public health concerns. Consolidation of information from diverse sources including reports, case studies, and presentations from: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Geological Survey (USGS), U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy (RSAP), IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics and the Teleosis Institute.
- Cost categories of managing a medicine collection programs.
- Examples of how medications are managed through a range of voluntary programs and mandatory programs established by Retail Take-Back and Extended Producer Responsibility ordinances including seven passed in California since 2008.
- Description of how medications are managed in San Joaquin County, program options and recommendations for County of San Joaquin policy makers and others to consider.

For More Information

- Download the full report at <http://calpsc.org/mobius/cpsc-content/uploads/2016/01/CPSC-Report-Managing-Home-Generated-Medications-in-SJ-County-Web.pdf>
- Contact jordan@CalPSC.org or (916) 706-3420