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SB 212 – Seven Years Later What's changed?

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CA Meds/Sharps EPR Ordinances

Nine Counties Passed Ordinances before **April 18, 2018**

1. Alameda County – meds 7/26/12, **sharps** 11/17/15
2. City & County of San Francisco – 3/26/15
3. San Mateo County – 4/28/15
4. Santa Clara County – meds 6/23/15, **sharps** 2/27/18
5. Marin County – 8/11/15
6. Santa Cruz County (meds & **sharps**) – 12/8/15
7. Santa Barbara County – 6/21/16
8. City of Santa Cruz (meds & **sharps**) – 8/9/16
9. City of Capitola (meds & **sharps**) – 8/25/16
10. City of Scotts Valley (meds & **sharps**) – 12/7/16
11. Contra Costa County – 12/20/2016
12. San Luis Obispo County (med & **sharps**) – 1/10/18
13. Tehama County (meds & **sharps**) – 7/3/18 (Preempted by SB 212)



Senate Bill (SB) 212 (Jackson)

Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship

SB 212 Path:

1. Introduced February 1, 2017 by Senator Jackson
2. Over to Assembly in April 2018 (Place holder during stakeholder negotiations)
3. First significant amendments June 18, 2018. Co-Authors Assembly Members Gray & Ting. AB 444 merged with SB 212
4. Amended again August 24, 2018
5. Final amendments August 27, 2018
6. Critical Votes:
 - a) 08/28/18 - Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials (ESTM): 5 “Ayes”, 0 “Noes”, 2 “No Vote Recorded (NVR)”
 - b) 08/29/18 - Assembly Appropriations: 14 “Ayes”, 1 “Noes”, 2 “NVR”
 - c) 08/31/18 – **Assembly Floor**: 72 “Ayes”, 5 “Noes”, 3 “NVR” (**90% Aye Votes**)
 - d) 08/31/18 – Senate Environmental Quality: 7 “Ayes”, 0 “Noes”, 0 “NVR” (Concurrence of Assembly Amends)
 - e) 08/31/18 – **Senate Floor**: 39 “Ayes”, 0 “Noes”, 1 “NVR” (**97.5% Aye Votes**)
7. **Signed by the Governor on September 30, 2018**

Votes showed Bi-Partisan support for this important law!



Governor Jerry Brown

SB 212 (Cont'd)

What SB 212 does:

1. **Convenient Meds Disposal** – Establishes a statewide comprehensive, producer-funded take-back program to provide safe and convenient disposal options for home-generated pharmaceutical drugs and sharps waste.
2. **Aids in Prevention** – Gets excess drugs out of people's homes, helping in the prevention of accidental poisonings and abuse, which is one of the main contributors fueling the opioid epidemic.
3. **Free Safe Needle Disposal** – Requires distribution of free sharps disposal containers with every needle sold. Local jurisdictions with HHW facilities get reimbursed for disposal costs of sharps waste.
4. **Protection** – Helps protect solid waste, parks, hotel, wastewater, sanitation, and other workers, river and beach clean-up volunteers, and the public from accidental needle stick injuries.
5. **Preemption** – Preempts future local ordinances or those adopted on or after April 18, 2018 to ensure consistency and predictability for manufacturers.
6. **Enforcement** – Regulation and enforcement by CalRecycle. CalRecycle to adopt regulations no later than January 1, 2021.



Above: Med bin at the Lone Police Department

SB 212 (Cont'd)

Key Legislative Requirements

- Ordinance Counties could opt-in.
- Convenience Standard (Pharmaceuticals)
 - Minimum of 5 bins in every county.
 - One bin per every 50,000 people.
 - If pharmacist wants to host a bin, stewardship organization must provide a bin.
- Convenience Standard (Needles/Sharps)
 - Safe disposal container (mail back) provided at point-of-sale.
 - Sufficient to contain needles/sharps sold.

Needles/Sharps Specific

- No requirement for kiosks (bins) for sharps.
- Off-ramp if requirement for a certain product is prohibited by law.
- Reimbursement to local governments at HHW facilities.



Pharma & Sharps Waste Stewardship

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Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship

California's Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship Programs provide safe and convenient disposal options for pharmaceutical and home-generated sharps waste at no cost to the consumer. CalRecycle oversees the programs, which are run by MED-Project and The Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation, the nonprofit stewardship organizations created by pharmaceutical and sharps manufacturers and other entities within the distribution chain.

<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/epr/pharmasharps/>

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Where and How Do I Dispose of Pharmaceuticals?

To find disposal drop-off locations or obtain mail-back supplies, visit medtakebackcalifornia.org or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.

How Do I Dispose of Home-Generated Sharps Waste?

To order a free sharps waste container with mail-back materials, visit sharpstakebackcalifornia.org or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322.



Pharmaceutical Waste Stewardship Program

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Sharps Waste Stewardship Program

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More Information

- CalRecycle [Public Notices page](#)
- To report a suspected issue, use the [pharma sharps referral system](#).
- Contact pharmasharps@calrecycle.ca.gov for questions or more information.



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Where to safely drop off your unwanted medicine in California

Use the search function below to find convenient locations with secure disposal drop-off locations or where you can obtain mail-back supplies. Call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322 for more information or to order mail-back supplies.

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[Order Mail-Back Supplies](#)

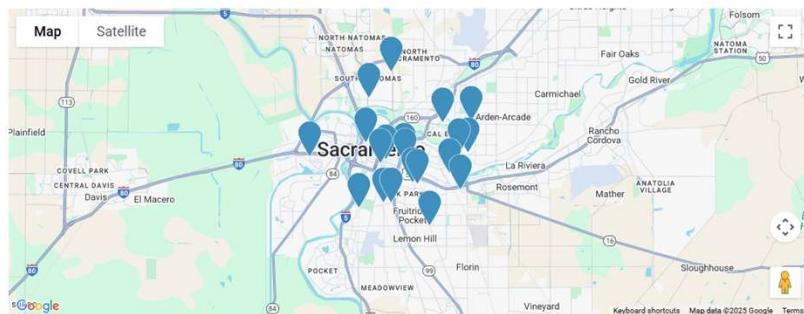

Approved Drug Take-Back Program

What's Accepted and What's Not?
CA Home-Generated Sharps Program
Pharmaceutical and Sharps Waste Stewardship - CalRecycle Home Page

Find Convenient Locations

Enter your address below to find convenient locations.

1414 K Street, Sacramento, CA, USA 10 miles [Search](#) [Clear Search](#)



Filter Results By:

☒ Drop-off location ⓘ ☐ Mail-Back Supply Location ⓘ

<https://medtakebackcalifornia.org/>



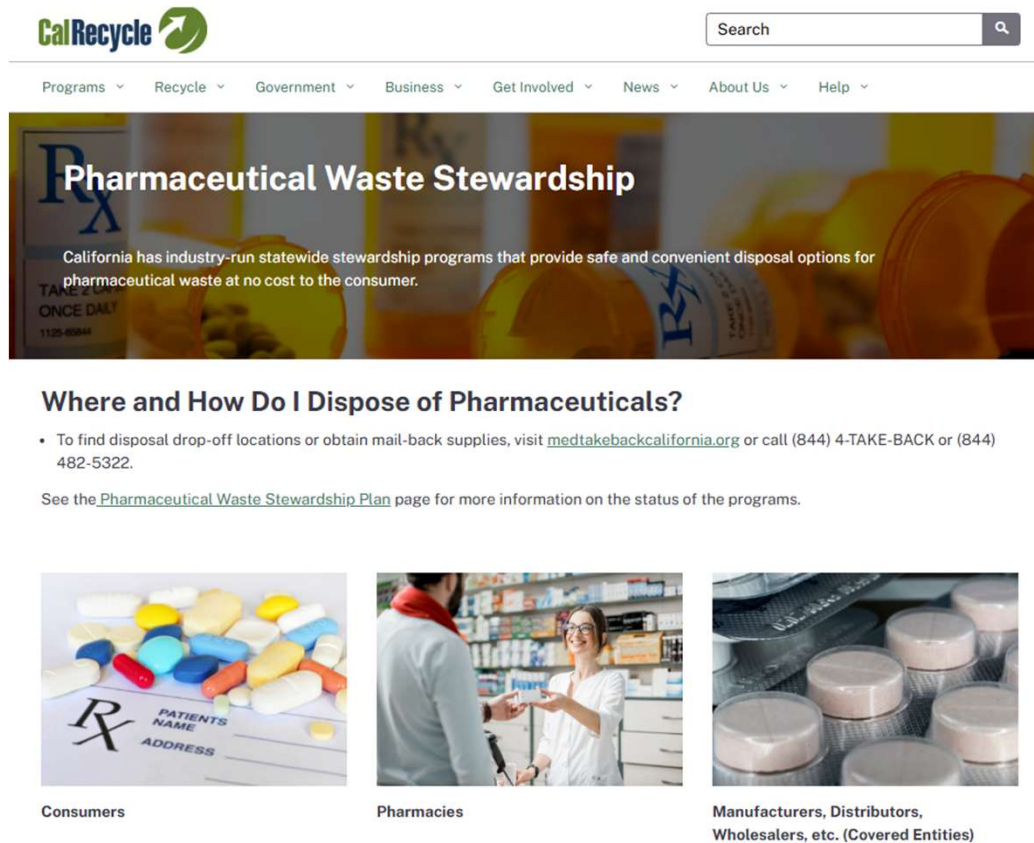
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☒ Drop-off location ⓘ ☐ Mail-Back Supply Location ⓘ

While the listing of participating drop-off and mail-back supply locations is regularly updated, you should confirm, prior to visiting a location, that it will be open when you intend to visit and will be able to accept your medications or provide you with mail-back supplies.

One Community Health Pharmacy	1500 21st St Sacramento, CA 95811 Get Directions (~ 0.59 miles)	(916) 914-6256	Sunday	Closed
			Monday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Drop-off location			Tuesday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
			Wednesday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
			Thursday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
			Friday	9:00 am - 6:00 pm
			Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Safeway Pharmacy #2684	1814 19th St Sacramento, CA 95811 Get Directions (~ 0.65 miles)	(916) 492-9977	Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
			Monday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Drop-off location			Tuesday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
			Wednesday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
			Thursday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
			Friday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
			Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Kaiser Downtown Commons Pharmacy 971	501 J St 1st Fl Sacramento, CA 958142325 Get Directions (~ 0.7 miles)	(916) 497-4250	Monday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
			Tuesday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Drop-off location			Wednesday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
			Thursday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
			Friday	8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Safeway Pharmacy #2242	1025 Alhambra Blvd Sacramento, CA 95816 Get Directions (~ 1.3 miles)	(916) 456-3421	Sunday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
			Monday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
Drop-off location			Tuesday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Pharma Waste Stewardship



The screenshot shows the CalRecycle website with a search bar and navigation menu. The main heading is "Pharmaceutical Waste Stewardship". Below it, a text box states: "California has industry-run statewide stewardship programs that provide safe and convenient disposal options for pharmaceutical waste at no cost to the consumer." A section titled "Where and How Do I Dispose of Pharmaceuticals?" includes a bullet point: "To find disposal drop-off locations or obtain mail-back supplies, visit medtakebackcalifornia.org or call (844) 4-TAKE-BACK or (844) 482-5322." It also mentions: "See the [Pharmaceutical Waste Stewardship Plan](#) page for more information on the status of the programs." At the bottom, three images represent different stakeholders: "Consumers" (pillbox), "Pharmacies" (pharmacist), and "Manufacturers, Distributors, Wholesalers, etc. (Covered Entities)" (pill containers).

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Consumers

Pharmacies

Manufacturers, Distributors, Wholesalers, etc. (Covered Entities)

<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/epr/pharmasharps/pharma/>



<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/epr/pharmasharps/pharma/plan/>

Stewardship Plans



MED-Project™
Medication Education & Disposal

A Product Stewardship Plan for
Covered Drugs from Households

State of California
March 9, 2022



195 Pages

STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR COVERED DRUGS

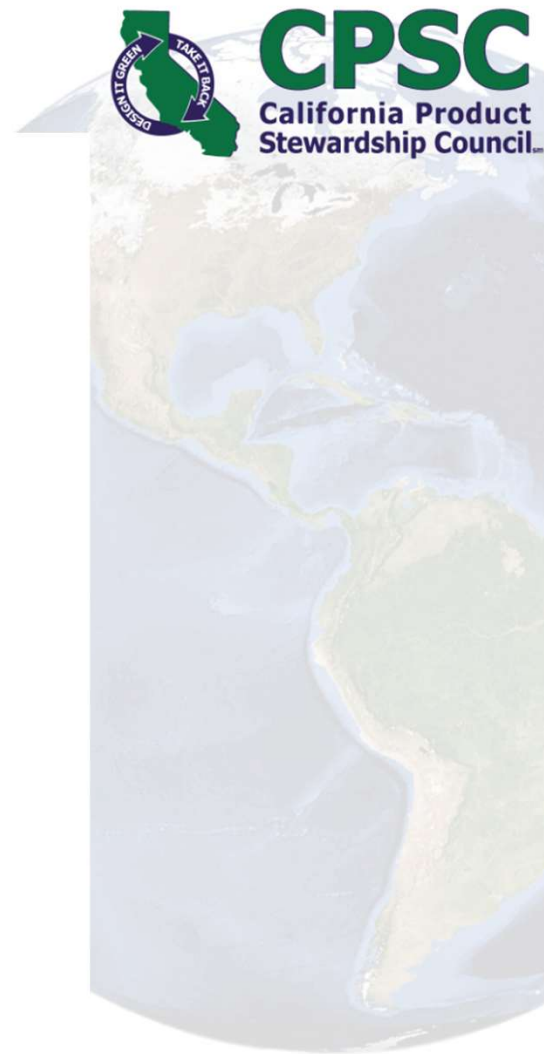
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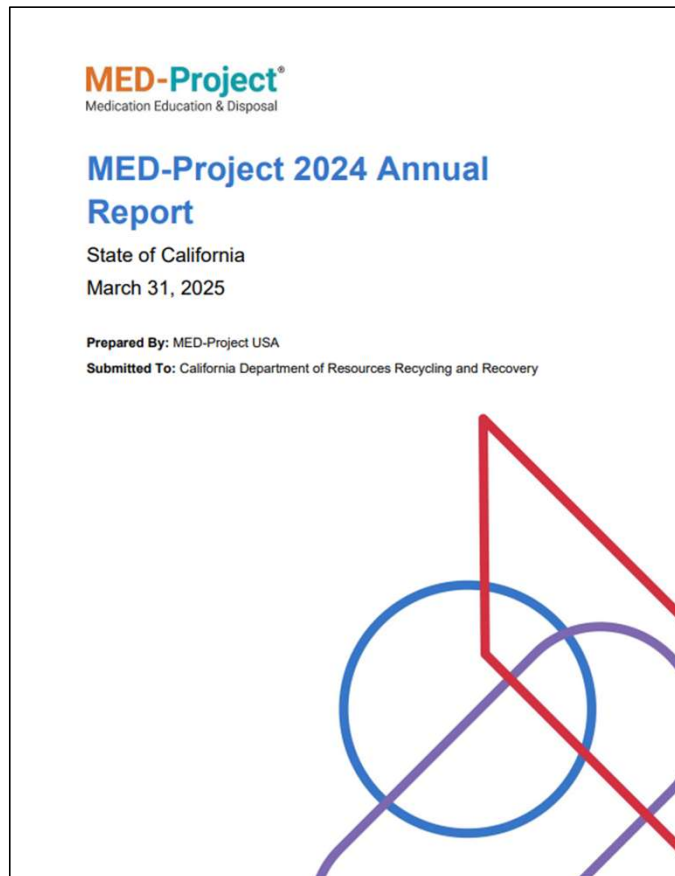
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118 Pages

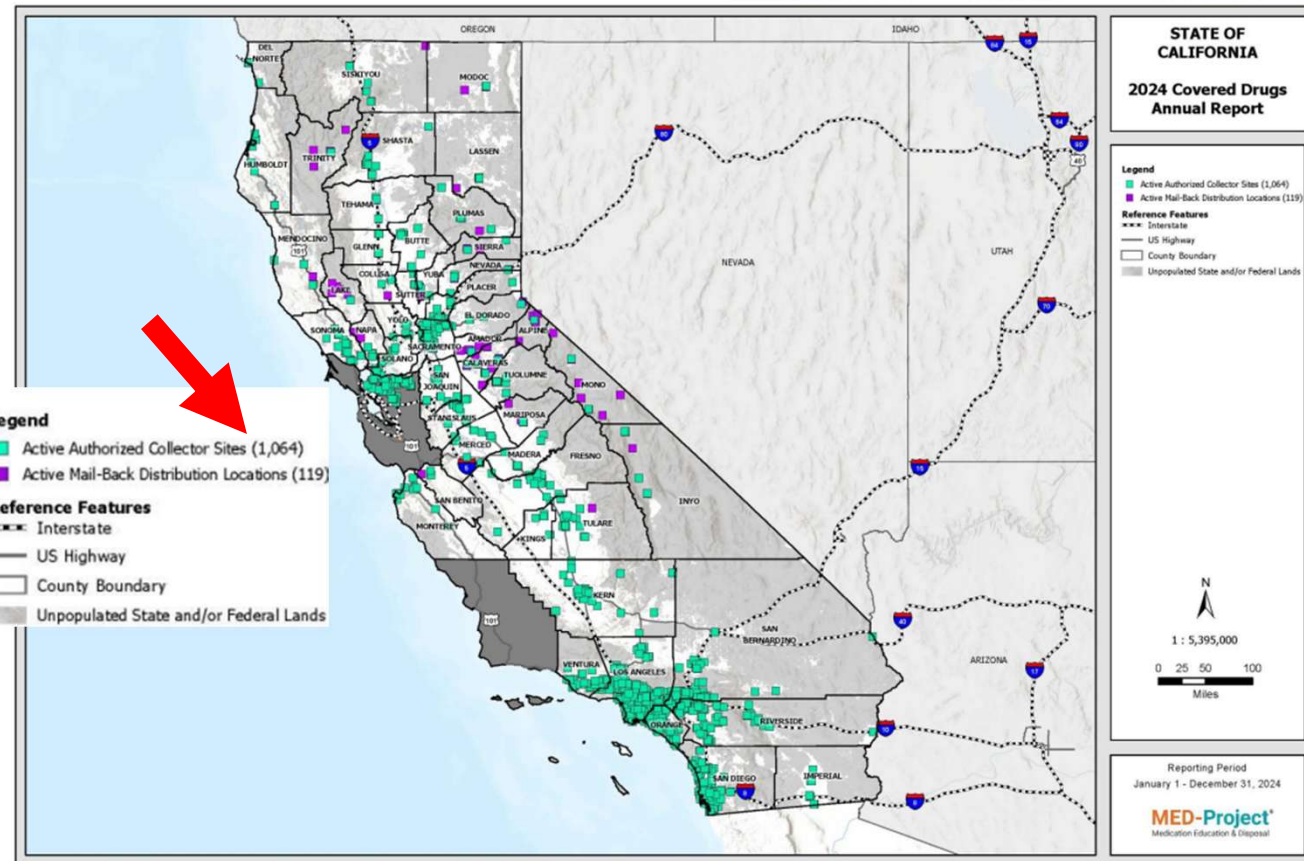



Figure 1: Map of Authorized Collection Sites and Mail-Back Distribution Locations During the Reporting Period

Stewardship Annual Reports

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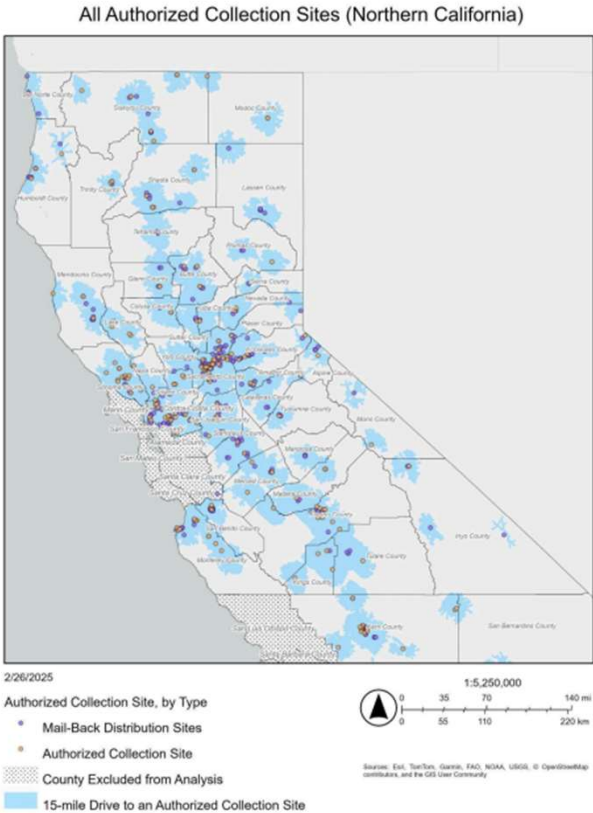
DRUG TAKEBACK SOLUTIONS
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The Drug Takeback Solutions Foundation
State of California Stewardship Plan for
Covered Drugs
2024 Annual Report

Reporting Period: 01/01/2024 through 12/31/2024

Submitted on: 03/31/2025

77 Pages



During the Reporting Period, the Foundation made significant progress in expanding access to safe drug disposal. A total of 82 new Authorized Collection Sites were enrolled, bringing the Program's total to 533. However, with 21 locations closing or disenrolling, the number of active Authorized Collection Sites stood at 512 by the end of the Reporting Period, which still reflects an improvement of [61 or 63] sites compared to 2023.



Others with Kiosks

Walgreens

Medication disposal kiosks

Almost 1,500 Walgreens pharmacies offer kiosks where you can bring your unwanted, unused or expired medication and drop it in. The kiosks accept most prescription and over-the-counter medications.

[Find a location](#)



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Dispose Safely: Help prevent poisoning, misuse, and overdose.

Drug Disposal

Disposing of drugs safely is one way to prevent misuse. Search the Drug Disposal Locator Tool for permanent drug disposal boxes in your area.

LOCATION

Total Kiosks in California



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| Board of Pharmacy Drug Takeback Locations

Where to Dispose of Unused Medications

Pharmacies may offer two types of drug take-back services: on-site collection bins and/or envelopes for mailing back unused medications.

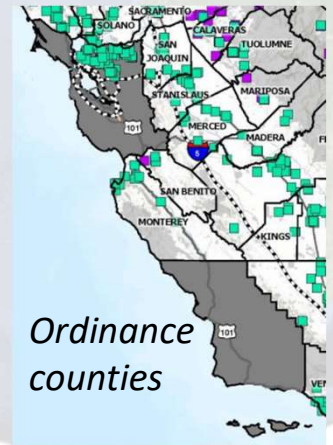
To find out if your pharmacy or one near you offers drug collection bins or mail-back envelopes, enter the pharmacy name or your city or ZIP code in the search box below.

1,913 locations in California

<https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/webapplications/apps/takeback/index.shtml>



MedProject: 1,064 locations
Foundation: 533 locations
Others: 316 locations
(Others includes the 9 ordinance counties, plus CVS, Walgreens, etc.)



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