Opioids may pose a special risk to members of a household. Opioids can be fatal with just one pill. It is important to take them as prescribed. To prevent children or pets from accidentally taking these dangerous medicines, dispose of them as soon as you no longer need them.

Medicine take-back programs are a good way to safely dispose of most types of unused medicines. Local government agencies may also sponsor medicine take-back programs in your community.

You can also flush opioid medicines, including Fentanyl patches, down the toilet.

When you dispose of these powerful medicines quickly and safely you help to keep others safe. They cannot be misused or taken accidentally and cause harm.

Learn about the safe ways to dispose of unused opioid medicines. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about medication disposal options and guidelines for your community.

To find a medication disposal site in your area, visit a website called Dispose My Meds at http://disposeymeds.org or call 1-800-882-9539 to find an authorized drop-off in your community.