No Drugs Down The Drain

New studies show that prescription drugs appear in treated waste water. Harm to marine and plant life can be caused by flushing medicines down the toilet and pouring down drains.

Local Drug Drop-Off Locations:
The Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program. (408) 299-7300. Free Saturday drop-off by appointment only.
Valley Health Center at East Valley Pharmacy
1993 McKee Rd. San Jose, CA 95116
(408) 885-6350 – located near the pharmacy pick-up window
Valley Health Center at Lenzen Pharmacy
976 Lenzen Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126
(408) 792-5500 – located near the pharmacy
Office of the Sheriff
55 West Younger Avenue, San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 808-4405

Businesses that generate medical waste may contact the Santa Clara County Medical Waste Program at (408) 918-3400 for more information.

Safe Drug Sharps Disposal
For a list of drop-off locations, please visit www.HHW.org or call (408) 299-7300.

Sharps (syringes, needles and lancets)
State law prohibits home-generated sharps to be placed in residential garbage and recycling containers.
Home-generated sharps are disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other medical devices used for self-injection or blood test. To safely dispose of your used sharps, place them in an approved container and contact your personal physician, clinic administrator, or pharmacist and ask if they have a take-back program.
If you purchase sharps on-line, request a pre-addressed, prepaid mail-back box for your used sharps. The Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Program also accepts home-generated sharps. For a list of drop-off locations, please visit www.HHW.org or call (408) 299-7300.
All sharps must be in approved sharps containers. Never place sharps in recycling and garbage containers.

Definition of approved containers:
Container must be rigid, puncture resistant, un-breakable, leak resistant with a tightly sealed lid and labeled “Sharps Waste” or with the International Biohazard label. Glass jars, soda bottles, or milk jugs may not be used.

Milpitas Locations
Kaiser Permanente – Milpitas Medical Offices
770 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas (408) 945-2770 (Kaiser members only)
Valley Health Center – 143 N. Main Street, Milpitas (sharps bin located in main building lobby).

San Jose Locations
McKee Medical Pharmacy – 2350 McKee Rd., Ste #3 (408) 923-8871
Valley Health Center – 976 Lenzen Avenue (408) 792-5500 (patients only, sharps bin located in pharmacy lobby).