



The West Montrose Sanitation District provides wastewater collection and treatment service for residences and businesses within the boundaries of the District. The District is a political subdivision (local government) of the State of Colorado.

DRUG DISPOSAL POLICY:

DISPOSING OF UNUSED DRUGS (prescription and non-prescription)

The Federal Government issued unused drug disposal guidelines on February 20, 2007 and updates these guidelines regularly to address public health and environmental concerns. Based on these guidelines, the West Montrose Sanitation District has developed and adopted this policy:

The West Montrose Sanitation District prefers that unused drugs not be flushed down the toilet or disposed of down the household drains. Even though the amount from a single pill is small, the accumulation of these small amounts and the yet-unknown effects on aquatic life and the water environment concern us. Presently, there are limited means to remove these drugs during the wastewater treatment process.

Our Preferred Disposal Option:

- Montrose Memorial Hospital offers a resource called *The Box*. The green disposal box is a service provided by the hospital to help remove expired or unwanted prescription drugs from the community. The Box is secured in the hospital Emergency Department lobby, allowing for 24/7 public access. This disposal resource should allow individuals to quickly remove prescription drugs from their homes any time they need to. The Box has a mechanism similar to an old-fashioned mailbox, allowing for disposal but not retrieval of drugs. No forms are required for disposing; anyone can visit and drop their unwanted drugs directly into the box. Please reference their website at montrosehospital.com for more information.

Additional Option:

- Remove the prescription drug or medication from the original container and mix it with an undesirable substance such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter.

Put that mixture in a non-descript container that won't leak such as an empty can or a sealable bag. This ensures the drugs aren't diverted for a non-medical use or accidentally ingested by children or pets. Dispose of these containers in the trash.

For additional information regarding the disposal of unused prescription drugs, please call the West Montrose Sanitation District office at (970) 249-1686 or visit us at 239 Chipeta Rd.