Notify the Board Online to Install or Discontinue Drug Take-Back Receptacles

Pharmacies installing or discontinuing drug take-back collection receptacles can now notify the Board of Pharmacy electronically.

Board regulations require retail pharmacies and hospitals or clinics with on-site pharmacies to notify the board within 30 days of establishing or discontinuing a collection receptacle.

Licensees can notify the board online to install or discontinue receptacles. Alternatively, notification forms that can be filled out and mailed are available on the board’s website here.

Collection receptacles that are registered online will be verified by board staff and added to an electronic database. Consumers can search the database on the board’s website by pharmacy name, city or ZIP code to find a location to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription drugs. Discontinued receptacles will be verified by staff and removed from the search tool.

Requirements for drug take-back services, including collection receptacles and mail-back envelopes, are in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Article 9.1. Additional information can be found on the board’s website under the Licensees tab; click on Important Information for Licensees to find the Drug Take-Back section.

###