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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.

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