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Return PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE to a pharmacy

Pharmaceutical waste is hazardous waste that must not be disposed of with other waste or dumped into a sewer. Pharmaceutical waste can be taken to a pharmacy or delivered to a place that receives hazardous waste.

Pharmacies receive outdated and unused pharmaceuticals from households free of charge. Pharmacies deliver the pharmaceutical waste to Riihimäki to a processing plant for hazardous substances for appropriate disposal.

According to pharmacies in Hamina, customers return pharmaceutical waste to the pharmacies every day, and several waste containers of pharmaceutical waste are accumulated monthly. Waste water analyses show, however, that there is still room for improvement. So, when you need to dispose of old medication, take it to a pharmacy, do not dump it in the sewer.

This is how to return pharmaceutical waste:

- Remove any labelling that indicates personal details.
- Bring the medicines in a transparent and tight plastic bag.
- Pills in a blister pack should be returned in their original packaging without the cardboard box.
- Ointments and liquid medicines should be returned in their own packaging in a separate plastic bag.
- Medicines containing iodine should be kept separate from other pharmaceutical waste.
- Syringes and needles should be packed in impenetrable containers such as a plastic bottle or glass jar.
- A thermometer containing mercury should be kept separate, and a broken thermometer should be put into a tight package.