San Francisco Safe Medicine Disposal Program

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Why Safe Disposal for Medicine?
Environmental Need – Pollution Prevention
“Please don’t prescribe unwanted medications to me and the environment!”

No!
Public Safety Need – Prescription Drug Misuse
Where Does Medicine Go?
Proof in the Pilot Program
Safe Drug Disposal Stewardship Ordinance
MED-Project™
Medication Education & Disposal
Manufacturers Submit Stewardship Plan
Requires 5 Drop-off Locations Per District
44 Medicine Drop-off Kiosk Locations
All 10 San Francisco Police Station Participate
Mail-Back Envelopes Available by Request
Accepted Medicine Types
Producers Required to Promote Program
There Have Been Challenges
Special Case #1 – Pre-Filled Injector Products
Special Mail-Back Package for Injectors

Photo Courtesy of Pureway Compliance, Inc.
Special Case #2 – Inhalers and Aerosols
Special Inhaler & Aerosol Mail-Back Package

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73 Mail-Back Envelope Distribution Locations

San Francisco Public Library &
## Disposal Options by Supervisor District

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Walgreens Private Program
SF Disposal Options by the Numbers

• **44** drop-off kiosk locations

• **73** mail-back envelope distribution locations

• **117*** total MED-Project locations (kiosk & mail-back)

• **Plus 7 Walgreens kiosk locations**

*as of 7/2019*
Lots More Disposal Options Now!

Locations Key
- MED-Project Kiosk
- Mail-Back Envelope Distribution
Collection Results – Year 1 (11 months of 2017)

**Pounds of Medicine Collected**

- **Collection Kiosks**: 12,911 lbs.
- **Mail-Back Envelopes**: 161 lbs.
- **Total**: 14,878 lbs.

2017
Collection Results – Year 2 (calendar year 2018)

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Promotion Push
Emphasis on Multi-Language Outreach

MED-Project

药品可以帮助治疗疾病，应对慢性疾病，改善数百万美国人的健康状况和福祉。
至关重要的是，病人必须按照医疗服务人员开具的药方服药。但如果您有过期或无用药品，妥善处理非常简单且极为重要。

Chinese

English

Español

Русский

Tagalog
Ordinance is Working!

PILOT vs NOW
Thank you!

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