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PROVINCE - BRITISH COLUMBIA

MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM

What can be returned?



MEDICATIONS
RETURN PROGRAM

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Prescription drugs
- ✓ Non-prescription drugs
- ✓ Natural health products

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Medical sharps, needles, syringes and lancets
- ✗ Commercial and institutional waste
- ✗ Empty pill bottles or other containers
- ✗ Cosmetics and beauty products

For a full listing visit our website

Important Reminders

Online Service & Supply Request Form are now posted under the Material page ([here](#)). Please have a look and do not hesitate to reach out to us should you not find the information you are looking for.

Empty pills/tablets into the MRP container, keep liquid, creams and inhalers in original packaging, remove personal information.

Please ensure that you have 2 full MRP containers when requesting a service and the weight of each MRP container does not exceed 23kg (50lbs) when full.

As HPSA offices are closing for the holiday season from December 21st, 2019 to January 2nd, 2020, please ensure to have your Service and Supply Request Form sent before December the 13th, 2019 to be processed.

2019 Promotion

In the summer 2019, HPSA partnered once again with the wonderful Rock the Salish Sea band to engage several communities in returning medications for proper disposal through a string of concerts at elementary schools. Over 2,500

students, 165 staff members and 5,000 family members were involved this year!

NEW Programs!

New Brunswick:

HPSA is currently developing a medication return program in New Brunswick for 2020. HPSA has partnered with the NB Department of Health as well as the New Brunswick College of Pharmacists and the New Brunswick Pharmacist Association on services and delivery framework comparable to other programs administered by HPSA in Canada.

Manitoba:

HPSA has developed a Sharps Collection Program Plan for the province of Manitoba with a 2020 implementation. Additional information shall be provided once details are available. A copy of the proposed plan shall soon be available on HPSA's website and on the Ministry of Sustainable Development website.

Thank you for participating in the BC Medications Return Program and for your continued efforts in making it a success. HPSA promotional material for public distribution are available [here](#).

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