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HEALTH PRODUCTS
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PROVINCE - ONTARIO



MEDICATIONS
RETURN PROGRAM

ACCEPTED

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

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Commercial and institutional waste
- ✗ Empty pill bottles or other containers
- ✗ Cosmetics and beauty products



SHARPS
COLLECTION PROGRAM

ACCEPTED

- ✓ Needles, needle tips and syringes
- ✓ Insulin pens
- ✓ Other medical sharps

NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Commercial, institutional or pharmacy stock waste
- ✗ On site vaccine/flu shot waste
- ✗ Glucose meters; IV bags

For a full listing visit our [website](#)

The numbers are in!

2019 was a positive year for HPSA and its partners. Total national medication returns and sharp collections increased over the previous year, reaching 432,882 kg and 350,420 kg respectively, with the support of more than 5,700 collection location sites.

The Ontario Medications Return Program (OMRP) collected a total of 310,342 kg and the Ontario Sharps Collection Program (OSCP), a total of 343,020 kg across HPSA's network of 4,132 collection location sites in Ontario.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the pharmacists and pharmacy staff who continue to volunteer their time and expertise in the collection of consumer returns. Thank you for your participation and efforts in promoting proper disposal and preventing misuse.

The 2019 OMRP and OSCP Annual Reports can be found [here](#).

2019 – Promotions and Activities

HPSA continues to focus on education and promotion of our return programs through various marketing efforts and external partnerships, including with you, our pharmacy network. The major initiatives started the previous year continued in 2019 with Drug Free Kids Canada and the Institute for Safe Medication Practice Canada. The many activities and outreach centred around raising consumer awareness about the risks of unused medications at home, proper storage and safe disposal options. Campaigns like these and National Drop Off Month in August do help in changing consumer's behaviour.

Thank you for participating in the Ontario Medications Return Program and the Ontario Sharps Collection Program and for your continued efforts in making both a success.

HPSA is open!

Please be advised that HPSA and its service providers are operating as usual. Should you wish to request pick up services and supplies, please fill out a [form here](#). The HPSA staff is here to answer any questions at 1-844-535-8889.

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