

# Antibiotic Take Back Program Checklist

The Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP) has developed this checklist for pharmacists who are interested in establishing an Antibiotic Take Back Program in their community.

## 1 Review your State's statutes and/or contact the Board of Pharmacy regarding laws pertaining to prescription medication disposal

- Contact your Board of Pharmacy here: <https://nabp.pharmacy/about/boards-of-pharmacy/>
- Pharmacies will not be able to accept controlled substances unless they are registered with the DEA as a reverse distributor

## 2 Contact local pharmacies to gauge their interest in participating

- Independent pharmacies may be a good place to start as there are fewer administrative barriers to initiating a new program
- Find your local independent pharmacy here: <https://ncpa.org/pharmacy-locator>

## 3 Purchase supplies

- Consider purchasing a medication lock box to separate disposed medications from other pharmacy stock (e.g., <https://www.protexsafe.com/drop-boxes/rx-164.html>)
- If your pharmacy does not contract with a third-party disposal service, purchase a medication deactivation system:
  - DETERRA® drug deactivation systems (<https://deterrasystem.com/products/>)
  - DisposeRx® Rx DESTROYER™ products (<https://orders.dispose.rxdirect.com/large-volume-disposal-c3.aspx>)

## 4 Promote your Take Back Program

- Find printable antibiotic take back posters here: <https://sidp.org/antibiotic-disposal>
- Consider adding your pharmacy to the Drug Disposal Locator Database here: <https://safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal/>

## 5 Share your success

- Consider sharing your experience with your peers via a poster or manuscript