







# Safe Medicine Disposal





### What can & can't be dispose of?





## When to dispose of my medications?

	Patient <b>passed away</b>
	Change in medication
EXPIRED	<b>Expired</b> medications
31	Experience any <b>side effects</b> or <b>allergic reactions</b> from medications that affects quality of life
30	<b>Too much medication</b> due to change in medication regimen
	<b>Damaged</b> medications



### Which medications can I dispose of?

#### **EXPIRED MEDICATIONS**

- Medications which had passed the "used-by" date on the packaging
- Expired medications can be identified by checking their packaging, where they are often **labelled with "EXP DATE"**

Wording on Packaging	Definition	
JAN 24 or Jan 2024 or 01/24 or 01/2024	Discard 1/02/2024	
Discard after January 2024	Discard 1/02/2024	
Use within one month of opening	As stated on packaging (ideally every 28 days)	
Discard 7 days after opening	As stated on packaging	







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### DAMAGED MEDICATIONS

- Medications that have undergone physical changes, making them potentially unsafe or ineffective for use
- Medications which was not kept within the required environment stated on the product packaging
- These changes can result from improper storage conditions, exposure to extreme temperatures, humidity, or contamination







Tablets or capsules that are cracked, broken, or chipped

Mould growth







Colour fading



Unusual spots

#### **UNUSED MEDICATIONS**



 Medications that had passed its expiry date, contaminated and deemed unsafe to be used, or no longer needed by the patients



# How to dispose of my medications?





Check and **SEPARATE** your expired, damaged or unused medications

**PHARMACY** 

**EXPIRED MEDICATIONS** 

**DAMAGED MEDICATIONS** 

**UNUSED MEDICATIONS** 











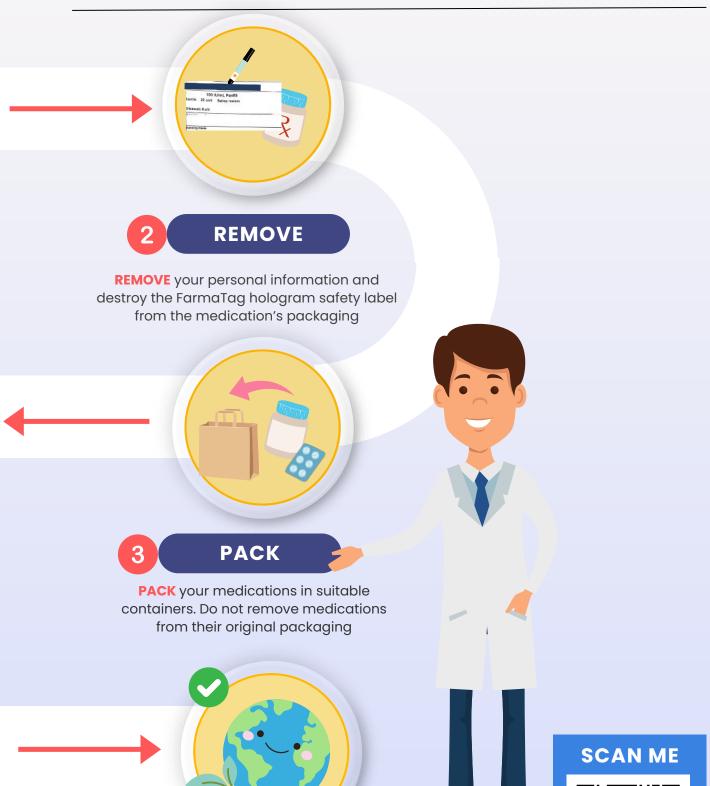
DISPOSE medications at your nearest MyMediSAFE partner for proper and safe disposal



5 SCAN

**SCAN** the QR code on the collection box and answer the short survey





For a Greener Future, Let's dispose medications safely!



## Why is it important to dispose of my medications safely?

 To prevent health risks, environmental risks and financial losses



**Accidental Ingestion** 



**Drug Misuse** 



**Water Contamination** 



**Harm to Aquatic Life** 



**Increased Healthcare Costs** 



Increased Waste Management Costs











## What can you do to help reduce medication wastage?



**Check your** medications regulary



Inform the pharmacist your medication balance



Take your medications accordingly



Bring all of your medication list or prescriptions



Do not store too many unused medications





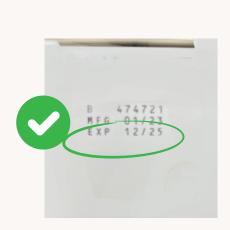
Do not buy medications if there is enough balance



## How to check medication expiry date?

### **CORRECT METHOD**

 Look at the drug strip or medicine box to check the drug's expiration date









## Safe Medicine Disposal Glossary

	ENGLISH	BAHASA MELAYU	中文	தமிழ்
	Safe	Selamat	安全	பாதுகாப்பான Pātukāppāṇa
	Medicine	Ubat	药物	மருந்து Maruntu
	Disposal	Pelupusan	处置	அகற்றல் Agattral / கழித்தல் Kalitthal
EXP 190719	Expired	Luput	过期	காலாவதியானது Kālāvatiyānౖatu
EXP	Expiry date	Tarikh luput	保存期限	காலாவதி தேதி Kālāvati tēti
SYRUP	Unused	Tidak digunakan	不再使用	பயன்படுத்தப்படாத Payanpaduttapadaata
+	Damaged	Rosak	变质	சேதமடைந்தது Sehtamadainthathu













Let's make safe medicine disposal everyone's responsibility—take the first step with your pharmacist today!





For More Information:

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