

OUR STANCE

Boehringer Ingelheim supports safe and timely in-home disposal of unused or expired medications, as recommended by the FDA, DEA, and EPA, as a safe, effective, and convenient means to reduce the potential for misuse. BI encourages patients to follow their healthcare

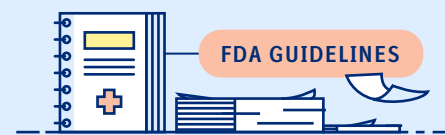
provider's instructions for taking prescription medicines and to dispose of unused prescription medicines safely. Patient adherence with these instructions will minimize the presence of unused prescription medicines in the home and can improve health outcomes.

Drug Take-Back Policy

States and local municipalities are considering proposals that conflict with existing regulatory guidance, resulting in inconsistencies on how to properly dispose of unused medicines.



BI believes it is critical for Drug Take-Back programs to include **engagement from law enforcement and other stakeholders** across the drug supply chain.



BI recommends patients follow **FDA guidelines** for the safe disposal of unused medicines.

In situations where patients have unused medicines, **safe and timely disposal in the household trash** is supported by BI for multiple reasons:



In-home disposal avoids the **environmental impact and safety risks** associated with shipping, and concentrating unwanted medicines at collection sites in take-back programs.



In-home disposal allows consumers to promptly dispose of prescription medicines as soon as they know the medicine will not be used, thereby **minimizing the risk** that these items could be abused or otherwise diverted.

Programs should be **routinely evaluated** to measure their success against intended outcomes.