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In Southern Nevada

The following are recommendations for the disposal of unused medications in facilities located in Southern Nevada. Unused medications would be any medications that have expired, have been discontinued or any medication belonging to a resident that has been discharged. Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 449.2742(9) indicates that an acceptable method of destruction must be used to destroy the medications. Flushing medications is listed in NAC 449.2742(9) as an acceptable method of disposal, but Clark County believes this activity can contaminate the local water supply and is asking you to follow their recommendations. Their disposal recommendation is acceptable to the Bureau as an alternative method to flushing medication.

For small amounts of unused medications, the pills should be removed from their bottles and placed in a container with a substance like kitty litter and the container should be sealed. The container should be double bagged and the bags sealed to reduce access. The bag can be placed with the normal household waste. For small amounts of used needles and syringes, the same procedure can be followed. The needles should be cut and the container should be a metal can like a coffee can.

For larger amounts of unused medications, it is recommended that facilities contact the Medical Waste Division of Republic Services for assistance. The contact person for this Division is David Fink and his phone number is 702-599-5908. For those facilities located in Boulder City, they should contact Boulder City Disposal at (702) 293-2276. For those facilities located in Mesquite, they should contact Virgin Valley Disposal at (702) 346-5396.