

DisposeRx Frequently Asked Questions

1. “What is DisposeRx?”



DisposeRx’s packets contain powder that provides a safe solution for the disposal of unused or expired medications in household trash. When water and DisposeRx powder are added to medications in a prescription bottle and shaken, the active ingredients in the drugs are made unavailable and unusable, lessening the risks to the patient or others in the home. The materials found in the powder are non-toxic and are listed on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s list of ingredients that are safe to use in medications.

2. “What happens once I discard my vial into the trash?”

The medication continues to dissolve and break down so that it is no longer usable as prescribed.

3. “Did the disposal solution work if I can still see a pill inside of the vial?”

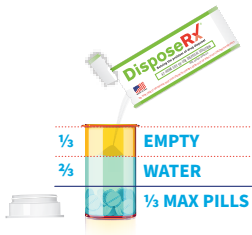
Medications dissolve at different rates, and some medication may contain ingredients that do not dissolve easily in water. This can make it appear that the pill is still intact, when in fact, if you try to dig it out it will fall apart, indicating that the DisposeRx gel is working properly. The moist environment inside of the vial is ideal for the breakdown of the medication.

4. “What should I do if I swallow the powder or gel?”



If you swallow the powder in the packet, it should not cause a problem, as all ingredients are on the FDA’s list of ingredients safe for medication. As with any product that is not made for human consumption, we advise you to seek medical attention if you swallow the gel.

5. “How many pills will one packet dissolve?”



# OF PACKETS	VIAL SIZE	
	ML	DRAM
1	29.6	8
1	40.7	11
1	48.1	13
1	59.1	16
1	73.9	20
1	110.9	30
2	147.9	40
2	184.8	50
2	221.8	60

There are many different sizes of pills, capsules, etc. We suggest that the amount of pills/capsules fill no more than one third of the prescription bottle/vial, which will allow for the correct amount of water needed to activate the gel and dissolve the medication.

6. “Can DisposeRx be used for the disposal of chemotherapy drugs?”

The disposal of chemotherapy drugs is specifically addressed in the Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s “Controlling Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Drugs – August 2016.” Please follow their published guidelines for disposal.

7. “Do DisposeRx packets expire?”

No, there is no shelf life or expiration date on our packets.

8. “How do DisposeRx packets help protect patients and the environment?”

DisposeRx offers layers of protection which include:

Layer 1 – The disposal of the medication in the vial with the tamper resistant cap.

Layer 2 – The gel provides ideal conditions for the breakdown of the drug while remaining closed in the prescription vial/bottle.

Layer 3 – The gel causes the drug in the medication to break down so that it cannot be misused.

