

Learn About Unwanted Medicines

Key Concepts Related to Safe Disposal Methods for Unwanted Medicines

Accidental Poisoning	<i>Did you know...</i> that accidental poisoning occurs when any substance interferes with normal body functions after it is inadvertently swallowed, inhaled, or absorbed?
Chemical Compound	<i>Did you know...</i> that a chemical compound is a distinct and pure substance formed by the union of two or more elements in definite proportion by weight?
Contaminant	<i>Did you know...</i> that a contaminant is a substance that is either present in an environment where it does not belong or is present at levels that might cause harmful (adverse) health effects?
Ecological harm	<i>Did you know...</i> that ecological harm occurs when an action results in habitat alteration and degradation or directly harms native animals, such as altering the endocrine system of a species?
Effluent	<i>Did you know...</i> that effluent is wastewater--treated or untreated--that flows out of a treatment plant, sewer, or industrial outfall, and generally refers to wastes discharged into surface waters?
Feminization of Fish	<i>Did you know...</i> that feminization of fish occurs when compounds released into water systems affect how male fish develop, causing them to produce eggs?
Identity theft	<i>Did you know...</i> that obtaining a person's personal and financial information through illegal means is a crime called identity theft?
Medicine Collection Programs	<i>Did you know...</i> that medicine collection programs allow people to turn in unwanted medications for proper disposal to improve public safety and ecosystem health?
Pharmaceutical	<i>Did you know...</i> that a pharmaceutical is any drug or medicine that is prepared or dispensed in pharmacies and used in medical treatment?
Stewardship	<i>Did you know...</i> that stewardship is an ethic that embodies the care and/or management of resources for which one has no ownership?

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Unscramble the words below. Each one has a clue.

Then use the numbered letters to solve the message below.

1. CAADENCTIL OSNIGNOPI
Clue: Can occur when a substance is inadvertently swallowed.

2. MCHLICAE UCNOPMDO
Clue: It is formed by the union of two or more elements.

3. EIDMCNEI CLTNIOLEOC ORPGMSRA
Clue: Events held allowing people to turn in unwanted medications for proper disposal.

4. HRTSPISEAWD
Clue: The care or management of resources for which one has no ownership.

5. ONCTAIMANITON
Clue: A substance that is present at levels that might cause harmful health effects.

6. OCLGOIFLAC AHMR
Clue: Occurs when an action results in habitat alteration or directly harms a native species.

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7. TELFUNFE
Clue: Generally refers to wastes discharged into surface waters.

8. EFAINZMNOITI FO IHFS
Clue: Occurs when compounds released into water systems affect how male fish develop.

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9. ITDTNEYI HTETF
Clue: Illegally obtaining a person's personal and financial information.

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10. HPRAMUCEATCIAL
Clue: A substance used in the treatment or prevention of disease.

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Wordscramble-Teacher Answer Key

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| 1. CAADENCTIL OSNIGNOPI | Accidental Poisoning |
| 2. MCHLICAE UCNOPMDO | Chemical Compound |
| 3. EIDMCNEI CLTNIOLEOC ORPGMSRA | Medicine Collection Programs |
| 4. HRTSPISEAWD | Stewardship |
| 5. NATCTNONIMA | Contaminant |
| 6. OCLGOIELAC AHMR | Ecological Harm |
| 7. TELFUNFE | Effluent |
| 8. EFAINZMNOITI FO IHFS | Feminization of Fish |
| 9. ITDTNEYI HTETF | Identity Theft |
| 10. HUAMCLCEPARIAT | Pharmaceutical |

Message: Teach People to Dispose of Medicines Wisely