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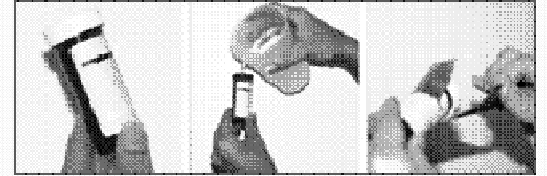
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SAFELY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS AS SOLID WASTE

1. Keep the medicines in the original container
2. Mark out your name and prescription number
3. For pills: add some water or soda to start dissolving them
For liquids: add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper
4. Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape
5. Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle
6. Tape the container closed
7. Hide the container in the trash. **Do not put in the recycle bin.**



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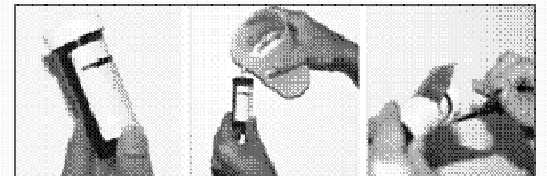
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