

Implementation Status of County Pharmaceutical Stewardship Ordinances

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are financing and coordinating secure medicine return programs in 2 counties in Washington State and 6 counties in California that have enacted local pharmaceutical stewardship ordinances. More county-wide programs will launch soon under these local laws.

MED-Project LLC is the stewardship organization operating the take-back programs on behalf of roughly 400 pharmaceutical manufacturers. These ordinances allow pharmacies, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies to join the programs over time, therefore the number of drop box locations may increase.

	County Approximate Population	Manufacturers' MED-Project Program Status & Collection Services
California	Alameda 1.6 million	27 secure medicine drop boxes at 23 pharmacies and 4 police stations. Collection events are also scheduled. A stewardship plan for sharps is under review.
	Contra Costa 1.1 million	Stewardship plan under development, due in January 2018. Plan must include drop boxes and mail-back services.
	Marin 500,000	13 secure medicine drop boxes at 5 pharmacies and 8 police stations. Prepaid mailers available upon request and distributed at 10 libraries.
	Santa Barbara 445,000	Stewardship plan under review. Plan must include drop boxes and mail-back services.
	Santa Clara 1.92 million	County expects to transition existing medicine drop boxes at ~ 40 locations to MED-Project operations during 2017, beginning in August. Prepaid mailers available to homebound residents.
	Santa Cruz 275,000	MED-Project is directly providing or compensating the county for either drop boxes or mailers at pharmacies and police stations: 24 sites for medicines and sharps, 12 sites for medicines only, 13 sites for sharps only, including 3 public kiosks.
	San Francisco, City and County 850,000	33 secure medicine drop boxes at 21 pharmacies and 12 police stations. Prepaid mailers available at all libraries, and other sites like YMCAs and schools.
	San Mateo 760,000	35 secure medicine drop boxes at 13 pharmacies and 22 police stations. Prepaid mailers available upon request and from all libraries.
NY	Rockland 327,000	Stewardship plan in development. Plan must include secure medicine drop boxes or prepaid return mailers at every retail pharmacy chain with 3 or more stores.
Washington	King 2.2 million	99 secure medicine drop boxes at 75 pharmacies and 24 police stations. Prepaid mailers for medicines available at county library locations and some town halls.
	Snohomish 780,000	31 secure medicine drop boxes at 18 pharmacies and 13 police stations. Prepaid mailers available upon request to homebound residents.
	Kitsap 260,000	Stewardship plan was due in June 2017 and is under review. Plan must include drop boxes and mail-back services.
	Pierce 845,000	Stewardship plan was due in June 2017 and is under review. Plan must include drop boxes and mail-back services.

Information on programs in development was shared by county staff or by the California Product Stewardship Council. calpsc.org.

See <http://www.med-project.org/locations> for each county's locations and participating collectors.

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