Safely Store and Dispose of Pain Medications

**Safe Storage Tips**
After being prescribed a prescription pain medication, consider the following medication storage options:

- **Store your medication in the original container and out of sight.**
- **Keep medication in a locked container, drug-safe cabinet, or drawer, and out of the reach of children and pets.**
- **If you have leftover medication, it is important to safely dispose of any unused or remaining pills.**

**Safe Disposal Tips**
Once finished with a prescription pain medication, consider the following medication disposal options:

- **Read the materials that came with your prescription instructions for disposing of unused medication.**
- **Take advantage of local drug take-back events or community drop boxes.**
- **Dispose of unused medications in the trash with an unpleasant substance.**
- **Visit FDA.gov to find a list of medications that can be flushed.**

Learn how to safely store and dispose of medication at [pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal](http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/disposal)