

Importance of

# SAFELY DISPOSING

your *UNUSED* or *EXPIRED* Medications



## WHAT CAN HAPPEN?

When medications are thrown in the *garbage*, in the *sink*, or flushed down the *toilet*



### ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

**PHARMACEUTICALS** can leach into the environment causing:

soil contamination

drinking water contamination

harm to marine life

Water treatment systems are often **NOT** capable of completely filtering out medication residues.

### ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

**ANTIBIOTICS** are one of the most commonly found medications in **drinking and waste water**.

The accumulation of **ANTIBIOTICS** and other antimicrobial agents in the environment can contribute to **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**.

Annual deaths due to AMR infections are estimated to rise to **10 million annually by 2050**.

### ASK YOUR PHARMACY:

*How to safely dispose of medications*

### Scan the QR code

to find a **location** and what **products** they accept

