



# MANAGEMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Protege tu **SALUD** y el **MEDIO AMBIENTE**



# Do you have expired medications at home and don't know what to do with them?

When a medicine expires, different types of waste are generated:

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## Packaging

cardboard box, glass bottle, plastic

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## Blister pack

plastic sheet, where pills are packaged

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Medicine

**These products should not be disposed of in the trash.**

# Why not throw the medicines in the trash?



Causes significant damage to the environment; it alters **the flora and fauna or contaminates aquifers and rivers.**

Medicines are special residues capable of interfering with the bionatural cycle, they contain compounds that, if released into water, can **negatively affect flora and fauna and ultimately human health.**



If we do not control the disposal of expired medicines, there could be significant effects on microorganisms and fish.

Unfortunately, residues of different types of medicines have been detected in surface water and even in the subsoil, air and plants.

# What to do with used or expired medicines?

## Medicine

Go to an official collection center. In the income of processing plants. In the **SIGREM** collection centers located in different pharmacies, hospitals, clinics and supermarkets.



## Packaging

If it is cardboard **"Destroy it"** and place it in the corresponding garbage container.

If it is a glass or plastic jar, cross out all the information on the label of the empty jar to make it illegible, then dispose of it.

## Blister pack

Make sure it is empty, tear it up and place it in the appropriate trash can.

# What is the National System for the Management of Waste from Medicine Packaging SINGREM?

It is an entity in charge of guaranteeing **the correct environmental management of the containers and remains of medicines** that are generated in homes.

Once you deposit your medicines in the **SINGREM** containers, they are collected and transferred to a selection plant where they are classified.

**The remains of medicines are disposed of properly in accordance with current legislation**, while the packaging material (such as cardboard and plastic) is recycled.

