



## Medications Travel Complex Route For Regulatory Compliant Product Destruction



Short-dated and expired medications and personal care products are closely monitored as they travel a complex route for regulatory compliant product destruction.

WDSrx works with manufacturers to remove expired or short-dated medications from the commercial marketplace. Destruction may involve bulk pallet quantities or small packages. WDSrx works to determine a solution based on government regulations and also on the returns policy of the manufacturer.

Expired medications are marked for destruction to maintain patient safety. Short-dated products are medications that are near their expiry date. These may be donated to authorized charitable organizations including [Dispensary of Hope](#) for distribution to patients. Or, the manufacturer may require the destruction of short-dated products along with medications that are passed their expiration date.

The WDSrx Reverse Logistics department manages the destruction process. Products are separated by category as Controlled Substances, Non-Controlled Substances, Hazardous or Non-Hazardous materials. Weights, pallet quantities, product descriptions and other identifying characteristics are documented. Detailed records are necessary throughout the process.

WDSrx partners with several specialized vendors to correctly dispose of products. Special requirements apply to different types of products. For example, the destruction of Controlled Substances requires two witnesses who must be present while the product is destroyed.

Sustainability is an important component of pharmaceutical destruction. WDSrx destruction partners are DEA-registered and monitored to assure products are destroyed in a manner that prevents them from re-entering the market and minimizes risk of environmental harm.

The WDSrx Quality Assurance and Regulatory Compliance team assures that proper documentation is completed and distributed to the product owner or manufacturer, government agencies, destruction company and is kept for WDSrx internal record-keeping.

Multiple steps in the journey to destroy pharmaceutical drug products requires constant communication between WDSrx, the client manufacturer, destruction partner and with relevant government authorities. Manufacturers often require regulatory compliant product destruction within a short time period for accounting purposes, stressing the importance of completing the destruction process in a timely manner.

Pharmaceutical destruction involves cooperation between multiple parties to assure the integrity of the supply chain. WDSrx manages the end-to-end process for medications, [dietary supplements](#), medical devices and personal care products.