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# Live Oak Pharmacy to Offer Medication Take-Back Program

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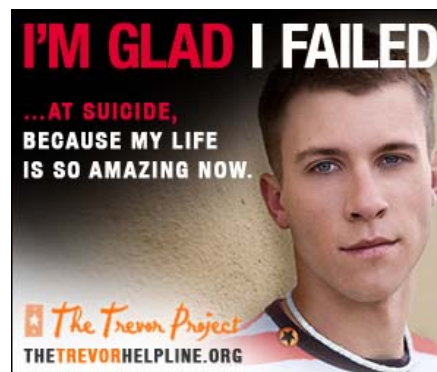
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**Live Oak Pharmacy in the West End District becomes the first retail pharmacy in Austin to offer a Medication Take-Back Program; offering an eco-friendly way to keep those unused or expired medications out of the waterways and landfills where they can contaminate the city's water supply.**

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Located in Austin's West End District in the 5th Street Commons, **Live Oak Pharmacy**, owned by partners **Nathan Pope** and **Scot Maitland**, combines conventional prescriptions along with compounding, health and wellness products and services including massage therapy. The central location near 5th Street and West Lynn offers those who live in the area, along with those that live and/or work in the downtown area, not just the traditional pharmacy services, but personalized care by collaborating with you and your health care provider.

Beginning April 22nd, on the 40th anniversary of **Earth Day**, Live Oak Pharmacy will accept over-the-counter medications, medication samples, expired vitamins and supplements and prescription medications with the exception of controlled substances at its pharmacy counter year-round. Flushing or throwing away unused medications makes it possible for those chemical compounds to enter our local water supplies.



A 5-month investigation from the Associated Press in 2008 found that trace amounts of a wide range of pharmaceuticals (antibiotics, anti-convulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones) have been found in the drinking water supplies of 24 American metropolitan areas. Part of this issue is a result of natural human excretion but a larger issue is the improper disposal of unused and expired medications.

While Austin's drinking water supply tested negative, Arlington's water supply tested positive for at least one unspecified pharmaceutical. At the time of the report, Dallas reported that they had tested their water but that results were still pending. The other Texas metropolitan areas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio reported that they did not test their drinking water supplies for pharmaceuticals. Philadelphia was the highest in the nation with 56 pharmaceuticals detected including amoxicillin, azithromycin, carbamazepine, diclofenac, prednisone and tetracycline. It should also be noted that testing protocols varied from city to city.

"As members of the community, pharmacists are in a prime position to educate the public and ensure the safe and proper handling of medications, from dispensing to disposal," said Nathan Pope, Pharm.D., Owner & Pharmacist at Live Oak Pharmacy. "We feel this is the right thing to do for our community and our environment and welcome all in the community to come and talk with our team about their prescriptions and how to store, use and dispose of them properly." You can visit their [website](#) for more information about the program under the 'About Us' section where you can also download the medicine disposal form to fill out before you drop off your medications.

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