

Pharmaceuticals are constantly introduced into the sea, having an impact on marine animals.

Pharmaceuticals end up to waters because waste water treatment plants have not been designed for removing hazardous substances from the effluent. The harmful effects of pharmaceuticals in the water are yet unknown.

Do like this:

Take unused pharmaceuticals to a pharmacy. Do not dispose them to toilet bowl or trashcan. Part of the pharmaceuticals goes intact through the waste water treatment process to the sea, having a degrading effect on marine animals.



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Hundreds of kilos of pharmaceuticals end up in the Finnish waters every year

Contemporary waste water treatment techniques do not allow removing all pharmaceutical residues from the effluent. All that is left in the water flows to the sea.

