Leftover medications are a threat to our kids and the environment.





Keeping unused, unwanted or expired medications can contribute to accidental poisonings and abuse. Throwing them away is harmful to the environment.

Safely dispose of unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by taking them to a participating pharmacy.

Items accepted include:

- Cold and flu medications
- Antibiotics/steroids
- Medication samples
- Non-controlled prescription medications
- Vitamins/herbal supplements
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/lotions

Narcotic pain killers and prescribed, controlled medications (e.g. Codeine, Ritalin, Xanax, Ambien, Vicodin, etc.) <u>must</u> be taken to a local law enforcement agency.

Certain restrictions may apply at any of the drop off locations. Call the drop site you plan to use for more information on what items are accepted.

Disposal Instructions

- 1. Bring pills and liquids in their original containers to any participating pharmacy.
- 2. Block out **ALL** identifying personal information on the prescription label.
- 3. Do not remove the name of the medication.
- 4. The pharmacist must be able to see the medication type so he/she can properly sort and dispose of it.





Law Enforcement Drop Box Locations

Allegan County Sheriff's Department 112 Walnut Street Allegan, 49010 269-673-0500

Kent County Sheriff's Department 701 Ball Ave NE Grand Rapids, 49503 616-632-6200

Kent County Sheriff's Department South 8557 Kalamazoo SE Caledonia, 49316 616-632-6490

Kent County Sheriff's Department North 790 Seventeen Mile Rd Kent City, 49330 616-632-6020 Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Road Patrol Offices 1611 Oak Avenue Muskegon, 49442 231-724-6259

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Records Office

Office 25 W. Walton Muskegon, 49440 231-724-6351

Barry County Sheriff's Department 1212 W. State St.

Hastings, 49058 269-948-4805

Local (city) police departments may also have drop boxes for controlled substances (narcotics).

Check the website for a complete list of participating agencies.

The West Michigan Take Back Meds Program is a joint effort between local pharmacies, law enforcement, wastewater treatment facilities, and government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal.

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