

Safe Disposal of Unused Medications



A few small steps can make a significant difference in protecting lives and the environment.

Medications play an important part in treating certain conditions and diseases. Unused medications need to be disposed of properly to protect people, pets, wildlife and the environment.

Follow your provider's directions in taking your medications. Take all your medications as directed. If you do not use all your prescribed or over-the-counter medications, follow the steps below to dispose of your medications.

1. **Do not flush** unused medications and **do not pour** them down a sink or drain.
2. Take unused medications to a drop off location for disposal – see list below.

3. To dispose of yourself, pour kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds or any material that mixes with the medications and makes it less appealing for pets and children to eat.
4. Seal the bag and place in the trash.
5. Remove and destroy **all** personal identifying person information (prescription label) from **all** medication containers before recycling them or throwing them away.

Consult your pharmacist with any questions. More information regarding safe disposal is located at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/ensuring-safe-use-medicine/safe-disposal-medicines>

ADDITIONAL ANY TIME DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

ACCEPTED

Prescription & over-the-counter medications
Vitamins
Supplements
Pet Medications

NOT ACCEPTED

Needles or Sharps (Unless otherwise noted)
Thermometers
Hydrogen Peroxide
Inhalers
Aerosol Cans
Medications from Businesses or Clinics

CARROLL COUNTY

Lake Carroll

3-200 Association Drive
Lanark, IL

Lanark Police Department

111 South Broad Street
Lanark, IL

Mt. Carroll Courthouse

301 North Main Street
Mt. Carroll, IL

Savanna Police Department

333 Chicago Avenue
Savanna, IL

Shannon Police Department

17 East Market Street
Shannon, IL

Thomson Police Department

2100 Market Street
Thomson, IL

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

*East Dubuque Police Department

193 Sinsinawa Avenue
East Dubuque, IL

*East Dubuque Police Department
ONLY accepts needles

Galena Police Department

311 North Bench Street
Galena, IL

Hanover Police Department

207 Jefferson Street
Hanover, IL

Warren Police Department

516 Anson Street
Warren, IL

(During normal business hours
6:30 am-3:30 pm)

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Freeport Police Department

320 W. Exchange Street
Freeport, IL

CVS Pharmacy

721 W. South Street
Freeport, IL

OGLE COUNTY

Byron Police Department

232 West 2nd Street
Byron, IL

(During normal business hours)

Forreston Police Department

103 South 1st Avenue
Forreston, IL

(During normal business hours
M-F 8:00 am-5:00 pm)

Mt. Morris Police Department

105 West Lincoln Street
Mt. Morris, IL

Oregon Police Department

115 North 3rd Street
Oregon, IL

Ogle County

Sheriff's Department

202 South 1st Street
Oregon, IL

Polo Police Department

116 South Franklin Avenue
Polo, IL

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Pecatonica Police Department

405 Main Street
Pecatonica, IL

(During normal business hours
M-F 8:00 am-4:30 pm)



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