

Disposing Meds Safely

Bring your expired and unused medications to an RxBOX location that is convenient for you. The medications will then be incinerated in collaboration with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency using state-of-the-art technology.



The medications will not be reused in any way.

Disposal Recommendations

- Bring household medication including over-the-counter, prescription medications, ointments and liquid medications that are expired or unused.
- Also drop off asthma inhalers and glass (mercury) thermometers.
- You can bring medications as they are in their original containers or, for spill-free disposal, place the pills or liquid medication bottles in a zipper top plastic bag.
- Cross off any personal information on the label to reduce concerns about personal identification information.



Items NOT Accepted

- Sharps or needles
- Radioactive medicines
- Any other medical waste
- Household chemical waste; these items need to be disposed of using other methods.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) can be disposed of at the HHW facility in Naperville.

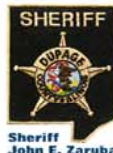
For more information call (630) 420-4190 or go to www.naperville.il.us to see the items they are able to accept.

Information on sharps and needles disposal can be found at the DuPage County website: www.dupageco.org. Click on **Government and then Departments O-Z - Waste, Recycling and Energy.**

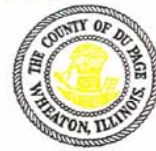
RxBOX Locations

- Addison Police Department**
1 Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL 60101
- Bloomington Police Department**
2015 Bloomington Road, Bloomington, IL 60108
- Burr Ridge Police Department**
7660 S. County Line Rd # 1, Burr Ridge, IL 60527
- Carol Stream Police Department**
500 N. Gary Avenue, Carol Stream, IL 60188
- DuPage County Sheriff**
501 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL 60187
- Glendale Heights Police Department**
300 Civic Plaza, Glendale Heights, IL 60139
- Lemont Police Department**
416 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439
- Lisle Police Department**
5040 Lincoln Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532
- ~~**Naperville Police Department**
1857 North Naperville Road, Naperville, IL 60563~~
- Oak Brook Police Department**
1200 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL 60521
- Schaumburg Police Department**
1000 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194
- Wheaton Police Department**
900 W. Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187
- Wood Dale Police Department**
404 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL 60191

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The Problem:

Unused medication is a risk to families, the community and our environment.



The **Solution** is
Simple...

The Problem

Nationally, regionally and even locally there has been growing concern about what we all do with the medicines that are left over in our cabinets. We take medication for so many reasons - for minor injuries, the occasional headache, back or muscle pain, to help relieve cold symptoms, for our high blood pressure or cholesterol. Over-the-counter medication, prescriptions, ointments and liquids....we often have medications that may be expired or no longer needed.

Unused Medications

- 30% to 80% of patients do not finish commonly prescribed medications.
- Always take medications as prescribed by your doctor or according to their labels.
- Fewer unneeded medications around the house reduce confusion and mistakes that can happen when taking daily medications.

Risks of Poisoning

- Accidental poisoning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in the U.S. It is second only to motor vehicle accidents.
- Children, even when well-supervised, are exploratory and curious, they often have lots of opportunities to get into medicines in purses, cabinets and counter tops.

Teen Drug Abuse

- The number of teens trying prescription drugs to get high is now equal to the number of teens who are trying marijuana.
- One in five teens nationwide has abused prescription pain medication. One in 10 has abused cough medication.

Our Environment

- Whether they are put in the trash or in our water supplies, medications may pollute or have risks to our environment.
- Even though our drinking water is safe, low levels of pharmaceuticals have been recently found in drinking water of 24 U.S. cities.
- Studies are being done to help understand what impact these contaminants may have on our environment and our water supplies. In the mean time we know that we can reduce any potential risks by seeking out safe disposal methods.

The Solution

Reduce the amount of unused and expired medications in our households and dispose of them in a way that is the safest for our environment.

RxBOX Location

DuPage County Sheriff
501 N. County Farm Road
Wheaton, IL.

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