

What is Accepted?

WHAT ITEMS CAN I DROP OFF?

✓ **Allowed**

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-counter Medications
- Narcotics and Other Controlled Substances
- Medication Samples
- Pet Medications
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Liquid Medication in Glass or Leak-proof Containers
- Medicated Ointments and Lotions
- Inhalers

WHAT ITEMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED?

STOP NOT Allowed

- Needles, Syringes or Other Sharps
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Business Waste

No Thermometers
No Sharps



Program Partners

Blue Earth County:
Environmental Services
Sheriff's Department



Blue Earth County

Medication Collection Program

NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN



*A Secure, Convenient and
Environmentally Sound
Option for the Disposal of
Unused, Unwanted,
& Out-of-Date
Household Medications*

507-304-4242

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Frequently Asked Questions



WHY SHOULD I TAKE MY UNUSED MEDICATIONS TO A SAFE DROP BOX?

Unused medications should be disposed of properly to avoid a number of complications. Some possible risks of improper disposal include environmental and water contamination, accidental ingestion by children or pets, and drug diversion. In addition, it is always good practice to dispose of unused or expired medications to avoid confusion and possible drug interactions with current medications.

AREN'T WE SUPPOSED TO FLUSH UNWANTED MEDICATION DOWN THE DRAIN?

Wastewater treatment facilities can't take drugs out of our water. Flushing is the least environmentally safe way to dispose of them! It's believed that drugs in our water have reproductive side effects, cause the feminization of fish, and contribute to antibiotic resistance.

DOES THE MEDICATION NEED TO BE IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER?

No. In fact, please remove as much packaging as possible. Containers with liquid contents should be placed in a plastic bag.

HOW DO I SAFELY STORE MEDICATION UNTIL I CAN BRING IT IN FOR DISPOSAL?

Keep all medication in a safe location inaccessible to youth, guests and pets. Lock up narcotics. Don't share your medication, and don't use any medication other than your own.

CAN I BRING IN MY SYRINGES OR DIABETIC TESTING SUPPLIES?

No. Only medications are accepted in this program. Sharps are accepted at the downtown and hilltop Hy-Vee Pharmacy for a small fee.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY MEDICINES AFTER THEY GO IN THE COLLECTION BOX?

They are taken directly to an incinerator, where a deputy or police officer watches their destruction.

WHERE DO I DISPOSE OF MY UNUSED MEDICATIONS?

A drug drop box is available to the public for safe disposal of prescription & non-prescription medications. No questions asked.

- Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office
Justice Center Lobby
401 Carver Road
Mankato, MN 56001
8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.)
- Mankato Public Safety Center Lobby
710 South Front Street
Mankato, MN 56001
24-hour access
- Walgreens Drug Store
1270 Madison Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: 507-388-1315



Stop accidental poisonings and drug abuse due to improper disposal

