

ANY TIME DROP OFF LOCATIONS:



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

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*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)

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ANY TIME DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

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

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Freeport Police Department

320 W. Exchange Street, Freeport, IL

CVS Pharmacy

721 W. South Street, Freeport, IL

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Pecatonica Police Department

405 Main Street, Pecatonica, IL

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

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

Freeport Police Department

815-235-8222

or

Stephenson County

Sheriff's Department

815-235-8290

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NORTHWEST ILLINOIS MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM





WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS WITH UNWANTED AND UNUSED MEDICINE?

Health and safety threats

Unwanted, expired and unused medications in the home pose safety and health threats. Storage of medicine can lead to abuse or poisoning.

Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens. The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family or friends and from the home medicine cabinet.

Prescriptions are only intended for the person for whom they are prescribed. Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

Environmental concerns

Disposal of waste medications down the sewer is undesirable because the facilities that treat wastewater may not be able to remove pollutants of concern, such as endocrine-disrupting compounds.

Pollution of waste water has been demonstrated to cause adverse effects to fish and other aquatic wildlife. When the water is eventually reused, it can also cause unintentional human exposure to chemicals in medications.

What will happen to the medication?

Currently, incineration is the best available technology for disposing of medications. Disposal of waste medications in a landfill is undesirable because medicines can end up in the landfill leachate (water that comes in contact with the trash). Waste water treatment facilities that receive and process leachate may not be able to remove the contaminants.

WHO CAN USE THE DROP-OFF TO DISPOSE OF WASTE MEDICINE?

The program is open to all residents of northwest Illinois. Medicine will be accepted from households only.

We cannot accept medicine from businesses, including:

Healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, pharmaceutical representatives, doctor's offices, and veterinary clinics.



ACCEPTED

*(place in sealed plastic bag before depositing;
recycle empty pill containers)*

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