## 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

### JO DAVIESS COUNTY
- **Galena Police Department**
  - 311 North Bench Street, Galena, IL
- **Hanover Police Department**
  - 207 Jefferson Street, Hanover, IL
- **Stockton Police Department**
  - 105 West North Avenue, Stockton, IL
- **Warren Police Department**
  - 516 Anson Street, Warren, 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

### STEPHENSON COUNTY
- **Freeport Police Department**
  - 320 W. Exchange Street, Freeport, IL
- **CVS Pharmacy**
  - 721 W. South Street, Freeport, IL
  - 1535 W. Galena Avenue, 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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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