



Senior citizens are the biggest consumers of prescription medications.

The average senior citizen takes four prescribed medications per day not counting vitamins and other over-the-counter medications. If you have leftover, unwanted, or expired medications of any kind, dispose of them properly to protect the environment and prevent unintentional poisonings or abuse.

Safely dispose of unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by taking them to a pharmacy participating in the West Michigan Take Back Meds program.

Items accepted include:

- Cold and flu medications
- Antibiotics/steroids
- Medication samples
- Non-controlled prescription medications
- Vitamins/herbal supplements
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/lotions

*Narcotic pain killers and prescribed, controlled medications (e.g. Codeine, Ritalin, Xanax, Ambien, Vicodin, etc.) **must** be taken to a local law enforcement agency.*

Certain restrictions may apply at any of the drop off locations. Call the drop site you plan to use for more information on what items are accepted.



For a list of participating pharmacies and law enforcement drop boxes, go to www.wmtakebackmeds.org

Disposal Instructions

1. Bring pills and liquids in their original containers to any participating pharmacy.
2. Block out **ALL** identifying personal information on the prescription label.
3. Do not remove the name of the medication.
4. The pharmacist must be able to see the medication type so he/she can properly sort and dispose of it.



Law Enforcement Drop Box Locations

Allegan County Sheriff's Department
112 Walnut Street
Allegan, 49010
269-673-0500

Kent County Sheriff's Department
701 Ball Ave NE
Grand Rapids, 49503
616-632-6200

Kent County Sheriff's Department South
8557 Kalamazoo SE
Caledonia, 49316
616-632-6490

Kent County Sheriff's Department North
790 Seventeen Mile Rd
Kent City, 49330
616-632-6020

Local (city) police departments may also have drop boxes for controlled substances (narcotics).
Check the website for a complete list of participating agencies.

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Road
Patrol Offices
1611 Oak Avenue
Muskegon, 49442
231-724-6259

Muskegon County Sheriff's Department Records
Office
25 W. Walton
Muskegon, 49440
231-724-6351

Barry County Sheriff's Department
1212 W. State St.
Hastings, 49058
269-948-4805



The West Michigan Take Back Meds Program is a joint effort between local pharmacies, law enforcement, wastewater treatment facilities, and government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal.

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