

Safe Medication Disposal

Prescription medication plays an important role in treating certain conditions. Unused or expired medications should be properly disposed of to avoid harm. For example, pain medication (opioids) can be very effective for treating pain, but prolonged use or misuse can lead to addiction, accidental poisoning or overdose.



80%+

Of older adults (ages 57 to 85 years) use at least one prescription medication daily¹



16 million

Americans aged 12 or older misuse prescriptions in a year¹



62%

Of teens report misusing prescription medications because they can access them from their parent's medicine cabinets¹

Proper disposal of unused medications saves lives.

DUBUQUE COUNTY

Safe Home Disposal

Medication disposal packets are available at your local pharmacy to support safe disposal of unused medications at home. Scan the QR codes for instructional videos.

DisposeRx ®

- 1) Remove prescription label, open bottle and fill 2/3 with water.
- 2) Empty packet of DisposeRx ® into the bottle, replace cap.
- 3) Shake for 30 seconds then throw bottle in trash.



<https://disposerx.com/page/5/product-and-program#video> (Link)

Deterra ® Drug Deactivation System

- 1) Pour medication in Deterra ® pouch and fill 1/2 with water.
- 2) Wait 30 seconds, seal, shake and dispose in trash.



<https://deterrasystem.com/resources/videos/> (Link)

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Dubuque County Drop-Off Locations

You can safely dispose of unused or expired medications locally at one of the permanent drug disposal drop-off locations below.

- + Ashbury Police Department**
5290 Grand Meadow Dr
Ashbury, IA 52002
563-585-1874
- + Finley Pharmacy**
8456 Peosta Commercial Ct
Peosta, IA 52068
563-557-2950
- + Peosta Police Department**
7896 Burns Rd
Peosta, IA 52068
563-213-2559
- + Dubuque County Sheriff's Office**
770 Iowa St
Dubuque, IA 52004
563-589-4400
- + Hartig Drug**
2225 Central Ave
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-588-8704
- + Hartig Drug**
2255 John F Kennedy Rd
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-588-8703
- + Hartig Drug**
127 Locust St
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-588-8702
- + Hartig Drug**
1600 University Ave
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-588-8708
- + Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
3500 Dodge St
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-583-3858
- + Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1160**
2395 NW Arterial
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-582-3436
- + Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1162**
400 S Locust St
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-582-1143
- + Infocus Pharmacy**
1690 Elm St
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-239-9151
- + Hartig Drug**
711 6th Ave SE
Dyersville, IA 52040
563-875-2552
- + MercyOne Dyersville Pharmacy**
1111 3rd St SW
Dyersville, IA 52040
563-575-2941
- + Dyersville Police Department**
338 1st Ave E
Dyersville, IA 52040
563-580-2918
- + Mercy Family Pharmacy**
1920 Elm St
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-583-7379
- + Unity Point Finley Hospital Pharmacy**
350 N Grandview Ave
Dubuque, IA 52001
563-582-1881
- + Walgreen Pharmacy**
55 John F Kennedy Rd
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-556-3705
- + Walmart Pharmacy 10-2004**
4200 Dodge St
Dubuque, IA 52002
563-582-1519