

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.

HARDIN 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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Hardin 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.

- + **NuCara Pharmacy #6**
722 Main St
Ackley, IA 50601
641-847-2585
- + **Hardin County Sheriff's Office**
1116 14th Ave
Eldora, IA 50627
641-939-8189
- + **Medicap Pharmacy**
1602 Edgington Ave
Eldora, IA 50627
641-858-3567
- + **Clinic Pharmacy – Iowa Falls**
920 S Oak St #2
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
641-648-3733
- + **Corner Pharmacy**
504 Rocksylvaniana Ave
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
641-648-5550
- + **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
632 S Oak St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
641-648-4255
- + **Iowa Falls Police Department**
321 Stevens St
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
641-646-6464