

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.

POCAHONTAS 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://deterasystem.com/resources/videos/> (Link)

Drop-Off Locations

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

+ Hy-Vee Pharmacy

113 N 3rd St
 Laurens, IA 50554
 712-841-4374

+ Pocahontas Police Department

23 W Elm Ave
 Pocahontas, IA 50574
 712-335-3536

+ Thrifty White Pharmacy #079

701 W Elm Ave
 Pocahontas, IA 50574
 712-335-3119