

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.

STORY 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)

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Story 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.

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| + Ames Police Department
515 Clark Ave
Ames, IA 50010
515-239-5133 | + Medicap Pharmacy
105 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-232-3382 | + Parkview Pharmacy
1727 S B Ave
Nevada, IA 50201
515-382-2134 |
| + CVS Pharmacy
2420 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-2990 | + Nucara Pharmacy
3600 University Blvd
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-3604 | + NuCara Pharmacy #10
621 Broad St
Story City, IA 50248
515-733-2233 |
| + Hy-Vee Pharmacy
640 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-233-5645 | + Hy-Vee Pharmacy
#3022
303 S US Hwy 69
Huxley, IA 50124
515-597-4100 | + NuCara Pharmacy #29
110 W Main St
Zearing, IA 50278
641-487-7450 |
| + Hy-Vee Pharmacy
3800 W Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-5580 | + NuCara Pharmacy
1002 6th St
Nevada, IA 50201
515-382-2485 | |