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 daily[1]

16 million
Americans aged 12 or older misuse prescriptions in a year[1]

62%
Of teens report misusing prescription medications because they can access them from their parent's medicine cabinets[1]

Proper disposal of unused medications saves lives.

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Safe Home Disposal

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

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)

Safe Medication Disposal

Black Hawk 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.

+ **Cedar Falls Police Department**
  220 Clay St
  Cedar Falls, IA 50613
  319-273-8611

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1052**
  6301 University Ave
  Cedar Falls, IA 50613
  319-266-9874

+ **Allen Clinic Pharmacy**
  146 W Dale St Ste 103
  Waterloo, IA 50703
  319-235-3777

+ **Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office**
  225 E 6th St
  Waterloo, IA 50703
  319-291-2587

+ **MercyOne Waterloo Pharmacy**
  2710 St Francis Dr Ste 101
  Waterloo, IA 50702
  319-272-5700

+ **Nucara Pharmacy**
  Waterloo, IA 50703
  319-291-2587

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+ **Iowa CVS Pharmacy**
2302 W First St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-266-9874

+ **Prairie Parkway Pharmacy**
5100 Prairie Pkwy Ste 106
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
319-222-2906

+ **Evans Crossing Pharmacy**
3506 Lafayette Rd
Evansdale, IA 50707
319-233-3395

+ **MercyOne LaPorte City Pharmacy**
601 Hwy 218 N
La Porte City, IA 50651
319-342-3620

+ **Greenwood Drug, Inc**
2104 Kimball Ave
Waterloo, IA 50702
319-234-6419

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1860**
2834 Ansborough Ave
Waterloo, IA 50701
319-226-3514

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
1422 Flammang Dr
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-234-7523

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
2181 Logan Ave
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-232-6366

+ **People's Clinic Pharmacy**
905 Franklin St
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-874-3450

+ **Walgreens**
111 W Ridgeway Ave
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-433-0490

+ **Waterloo Police Department**
715 Mulberry St
Waterloo, IA 50703
319-291-4339

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