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 an 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)

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Cerro Gordo 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.

- **Clear Lake Police Department**
  211 1st Ave N
  Clear Lake, IA 50428
  641-357-2186

- **MercyOne Clear Lake Pharmacy**
  1410 6th Ave S Ste 200
  Clear Lake, IA 50428
  641-231-8900

- **Thrifty White Pharmacy #064**
  1907 US Hwy 18 E
  Clear Lake, IA 50428
  641-357-5271

- **Genoa Healthcare**
  320 N Eisenhower Ave Ste 125
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-243-8449

- **Hy-Vee Drugstore #7056**
  875 4th St SW
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-424-4181

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1410**
  2400 4th St SW
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-424-1343

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1413**
  551 S Illinois Ave
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-424-7014

- **Mason City Police Department**
  78 S Georgia Ave
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-421-3636

- **MercyOne Westside Pharmacy**
  9140 N Eisenhower Ave
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-428-5630

- **MercyOne Regency 1138**
  6215 S Illinois Ave
  Mason City, IA 50401
  641-428-6940

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