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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Source: "Prescription Drug Abuse Statistics." National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, Jan 1, 2025. https://drugabusestatistics.org/prescription-drug-abuse-statistics/.

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Dallas 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.

- **Adel Health Mart**
  113 N 9th St
  Adel, IA 50003
  515-993-3644

- **Dallas County Sheriff's Office**
  201 Nile Kinnick Dr
  Adel, IA 50003
  515-993-6961

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  1215 141st St
  Perry, IA 50220
  515-465-3543

- **Medicap Pharmacy**
  601 1st St
  Perry, IA 50220
  515-465-3391

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  1005 E Hickman Rd
  Waukee, IA 50263
  515-216-2762

- **Medicap Pharmacy**
  10 Warrior Ln
  Waukee, IA 50263
  515-987-8111

- **Hy-Vee Drugstore #7082**
  1010 60th St
  West Des Moines, IA 50266
  515-440-1481

- **Hy-Vee Health Market**
  375 S Jordan Creek Pkwy
  West Des Moines, IA 50266
  515-216-2796

- **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1889**
  1725 Jordan Creek Pkwy
  West Des Moines, IA 50266
  515-226-8753

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