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.

HARDIN 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 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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Hardin 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.

+ **NuCara Pharmacy #6**
  722 Main St
  Ackley, IA 50601
  641-847-2585

+ **Hardin County Sheriff's Office**
  1116 14th Ave
  Eldora, IA 50627
  641-939-8189

+ **Medicap Pharmacy**
  1602 Edgington Ave
  Eldora, IA 50627
  641-858-3567

+ **Clinic Pharmacy – Iowa Falls**
  920 S Oak St #2
  Iowa Falls, IA 50126
  641-648-3733

+ **Corner Pharmacy**
  504 Rocksylvania Ave
  Iowa Falls, IA 50126
  641-648-5550

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  632 S Oak St
  Iowa Falls, IA 50126
  641-648-4255

+ **Iowa Falls Police Department**
  321 Stevens St
  Iowa Falls, IA 50126
  641-646-6464

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