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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Linn 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.

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  2001 Blairs Ferry Rd NE
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
  319-393-0561

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  505 Boyson Rd NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
  319-294-8095

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  279 Collins Rd NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
  319-393-4480

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  5050 Edgewood Rd
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52411
  319-294-9193

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  1556 1st Ave NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
  319-366-2239

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  1843 Johnson Ave NW
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
  319-365-5343

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  4825 Johnson Ave NW
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
  319-396-7419

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  4035 Mount Vernon Rd
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
  319-362-7900

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  3235 Oakland Rd NE
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
  319-363-3587

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  1520 6th St SW
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
  319-363-9606

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  20 Wilson Ave SW
  Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
  319-362-3649

+ **Linn County Sheriff's Office**
  310 2nd Ave SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52406
  319-892-6100

+ **Center Point Family Pharmacy** 900 Bank Ct
  Center Point, IA 52213
  319-849-2799

+ **Hiawatha Police Department**
  101 Emmons St
  Hiawatha, IA 52233
  319-393-1212

+ **Lisbon Police Department**
  115 N Washington St
  Lisbon, IA 52253
  319-455-2452

+ **CVS Pharmacy**
  3495 7th Ave
  Marion, IA 52302
  319-373-0430

+ **Hy-Vee Drugstore**
  2790 7th Ave
  Marion, IA 52302
  319-377-4821

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
  3600 Business Hwy 151
  Marion, IA 52302
  319-377-7216

+ **Mount Vernon Pharmacy**
  101 1st St NE
  Mount Vernon, IA 52314
  319-895-6248

+ **Mount Vernon Police Department**
  213 1st St NW
  Mount Vernon, IA 52314
  319-895-6141

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