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.

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)

Drop-Off Locations

You can safely dispose of unused or expired medications locally at one of the permanent drug disposal drop-off locations below.

+ **Montross Pharmacy – Earlham**
  115 N Chestnut Ave
  Earlham, IA 50072
  515-758-2174

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #1898**
  923 N 1st St
  Winterset, IA 50273
  515-462-4299

+ **Montross Pharmacy – Winterset**
  120 N 1st St
  Winterset, IA 50273
  515-462-2282

+ **Montross Pharmacy St. Charles**
  134 W Main St
  Saint Charles, IA 50240
  641-396-2445

+ **Medicap Pharmacy**
  904 N John Wayne Dr
  Winterset, IA 50273
  515-462-2880

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