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)

Story 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.

+ **Ames Police Department**
515 Clark Ave
Ames, IA 50010
515-239-5133

+ **CVS Pharmacy**
2420 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-2990

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
640 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-233-564

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy**
3800 W Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-5580

+ **Medicap Pharmacy**
105 Lincoln Way Ames, IA 50010
515-232-3382

+ **Nucara Pharmacy**
3600 University Blvd
Ames, IA 50010
515-292-3604

+ **Hy-Vee Pharmacy #3022**
301 S US Hwy 69 Huxley, IA 50124
515-597-4100

+ **NuCara Pharmacy** 1002 6th St
Nevada, IA 50201
515-382-2485

+ **Parkview Pharmacy**
1727 S B Ave
Nevada, IA 50201
515-382-2134

+ **NuCara Pharmacy #10**
621 Broad St
Story City, IA 50248
515-733-2233

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