

How to Dispose of Prescription Pain Medicines: Fox Valley (and other prescription medicines)

Prescription medicines are an important part of your child's treatment plan. Antibiotics may be given to prevent infection. Also prescription pain medicines are sometimes used to treat pain caused by:

- Surgery.
- A bad injury.
- A chronic medical condition.

Pain medicines should always be given as directed to best treat your child's pain. As your child improves, you and your child's doctor will decide when pain medicines are no longer needed. When prescription pain medicines are no longer needed you should get rid of them.

- **Do not** save any for later use.
- **Do not** give them to anyone else.

Keep pain medicines in a safe, secure place. If your child has a chronic condition that requires keeping pain medicines in the home, they should be kept in a locked cabinet. Only people who may need to give these medicines should know where they are kept.

Why should unused pain medicines be disposed of?

Old and unused medicines in your home may:

- Be a risk for accidental poisoning.
- Pollute water if they are flushed or put in the trash. This can harm fish and wildlife.
- Be taken by someone other than the person who was prescribed the medicine.
- Be taken by someone who does not have pain and is abusing the medicines.

Where can I dispose of unused medicines?

In Southeastern Wisconsin many police and sheriff departments have Drug Drop Boxes. See the charts on the next page for a location near you.

You can drop off unused pills, liquids, patches, ointments and creams. You can drop pain medicines or other medicines that are no longer needed. Both prescription and over-the-counter medicines are accepted. This can be done anonymously.

- Pills may be dropped off in their original container, blister pack, or sealed plastic bag.
- Liquid medicine must be in a bottle.
- **Syringes, needles and inhalers are not accepted**
- If dropping off in their original container black out any identifying information on the label. This includes name, date of birth or phone number.

Winnebago County:

Police Department	Location	Phone #
Neenah	2111 Marathon Ave Neenah	920-886-6000

Outagamie County

Police Department	Location	Phone #
Appleton	222 S. Walnut St. Appleton	920-968-5721
Seymour	306 North Main Street Seymour	920-833-2366

Calumet County:

Community	Location	Phone #
Brillion Police Department	130 Calumet Street Brillion	920-756-2221
Calumet Co Sheriff's Department	206 Court Street Chilton	920-849-2335
New Holstein Police Department	2110 Washington Street New Holstein	920-898-4241

Waupaca County:

Police Department	Location	Phone #
Clintonville	35 South Clinton Avenue Clintonville	715-823-3117

To find other Drop Box sites in Wisconsin:

<http://www.americanmedicinechest.com>

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any concerns or if your child has special health care needs not covered by this information.

This teaching sheet is meant to help you care for your child. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.