
Narcotic Disposal

WHY YOU SHOULD DISPOSE OF YOUR MEDICATIONS

- CHILDREN ACCIDENTALLY INGESTING HARMFUL MEDICATIONS
- USE OF MEDICATIONS FOR OTHER REASONS INSTEAD OF THEIR INTENDED PURPOSE
- USE OF EXPIRED MEDICATIONS WHICH CAN CAUSE ILLNESS OR OTHER HARM

**33% OF AMERICANS REPORT THEY HAVE NOT CLEANED OUT THEIR MEDICINE CABINETS IN MORE THAN A YEAR.

FLUSH?

Proper disposal is important. Medicines flushed down the toilet contaminate water, harm wildlife and pollute drinking water. According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Drug Enforcement Administration, flushing medications down the toilet is not the best way to get rid of unused medications.

HOW YOU SHOULD DISPOSE

1. Bring your medications to a local drug take-back location. (see list below)
2. The DEA has two National Drug Take Back Days every year across the U.S.
 - a. Go to the DEA, Diversion Control Division website for more information
https://www.deaddiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/
3. Some drug take-back programs offer mail-back programs
4. You should only flush medications if it's indicated by the medication instructions
5. If you are unable to bring your medications to a drug take-back location, you can throw away medications by:
 - a. Mixing them with sawdust, kitty litter or coffee grounds.
 - b. Sealing the contents in a plastic bag.

LOCATIONS TO DISPOSE

Brooklyn Center

Hennepin County District Court Brookdale

6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center, MN

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun Noon - 5 p.m.

Brooklyn Park

Hennepin County Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters

9401 83rd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Edina

Hennepin County Library - Southdale

7001 York Ave. S., Edina, MN

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun Noon - 5 p.m.

Golden Valley

Golden Valley Police Department

7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN

Hours: 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Maple Grove

Maple Grove Police Department

12800 Arbor Lakes Parkway N, Maple Grove, MN

Hours: 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Minneapolis

Hennepin County Public Safety Facility

401 4th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

Hours: 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Minneapolis Police Department

1st precinct

19 N 4th St., Minneapolis, MN

Hours: 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Minneapolis Police Department

4th precinct

1925 Plymouth Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN

Hours: 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Minnetonka

Hennepin County District Court Ridgedale

12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, MN

Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Osseo

Osseo Police Department

415 Central Ave., Osseo, MN

Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Spring Park

Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol

4141 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park, MN

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information

Visit hennepin.us/medicine

or call 612-348-3777.