

# **Narcotic Disposal**

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## NARCOTIC DISPOSAL

## Why Your 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 Your 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 AM 9 PM
- Fri & Sat 9 AM 5 PM
- Sun Noon 5 PM

## **Brooklyn Park**

Hennepin County Sheriff's Patrol Headquarters 9401 83rd Ave. N., Brooklyn Park, MN Hours: Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM

#### Edina

Hennepin County Library – Southdale 7001 York Ave. S., Edina, MN Hours:

- Mon-Thurs 9 AM 9 PM
- Fri & Sat 9 AM 5 PM
- Sun Noon 5 PM

## **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 Pkwy 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 AM 9 PM
- Fri & Sat 9 AM 5 PM

#### Osseo

Osseo Police Department 415 Central Ave., Osseo, MN Hours:

- Mon-Thurs 7:30 AM 5 PM
- Fri 7:30 AM 11:30 AM

## **Spring Park**

Hennepin County Sheriff's Water Patrol 4141 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park, MN Hours: Mon-Fri 8 AM - 4:30 PM

For more information visit <u>hennepin.us/medicine</u> or call 612-348-3777.