

PROPER RX DRUG DISPOSAL

NEVER FLUSH
your old medications!



A 1999 study found that **80%** of streams in the US were contaminated with **pharmaceuticals**.

Scientists have found **frogs and fish** with physical and reproductive **abnormalities** due to pharmaceuticals in the water.

YOU can help solve the problem!

**Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal
at one of the following collection locations**

Town of Waterford Police Dept.
415 N. Milwaukee Street

Town of Burlington Police Dept.
32288 Bushnell Road

City of Racine Police Dept.
730 Center Street

Village of Sturtevant Police Dept.
2801 89th Street

Union Grove Municipal Center
925 15th Avenue (M-F 8-4)

PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY INFORMATION



what everyone needs to know



PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY

Develop a relationship with your pharmacist.

- Ask questions.
- Know what medications you are taking and why.



Be attentive at the pharmacy counter.

- Use a quiet voice when talking about your medications.
- Avoid showing your prescription/medication to others.

Use caution when leaving the pharmacy.

- Be mindful of people around you, near your car, etc.
- Contact Pharmacy staff if you see anything suspicious.

Phone-in your prescription or use mail-order services.

SECURE YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Prescription Drugs are the primary target in
home invasions and thefts.

Use these tips to **keep your prescriptions secure.**

- Safeguard all drugs **at home.**
 - **Do NOT** leave drugs on countertops or out in the open.
 - Keep pill **bottle caps on tightly.**
 - Store drugs in a **private area** such as a bedroom or other secure place.
- Know **how many pills** you have.
- Properly **dispose** of old or unneeded medicines.
- Be aware of anyone who **enters** your home.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Abuse is Increasing

- There is an increasing number of people being prescribed medications today.
- Because of this increase, there are more pills accessible in more medicine cabinets.
- More accessibility places people at higher risk for misuse, abuse and addiction.



Prescription Drug Abuse is Deadly

- Taking prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you or in a non-prescribed way is **DRUG ABUSE.**
- Prescription drug abuse can cause **death**, addiction, disability or disruptions in normal brain cell development.

Its Totally Preventable

- Visit www.drugfree.org or www.drugabuse.gov for more info.

Most Commonly Abused Medications

GENERIC NAME	BRAND NAME
Oxycodone	OxyContin Percocet
Hydrocodone	Vicadin
Codeine	Tylenol w/codeine
Methylphenidate	Ritalin
Alprazolam	Xanax
Amphetamine	Adderall
Clonazepam	Klonopin
Fentanyl	Actiq/Duragesic
Dextromethorphan	Cough and Cold medicine

