

What's allowed at the Medication Drop-Box?

What's In...

- ☑ Unwanted or expired prescriptions & over-the-counter medications (people &/or pets)
- ☑ Pills dumped from original containers into zip-style bags
- ☑ Blister packages are accepted without medications being removed
- ☑ Liquids & creams in original containers inside zip-style bags
- ☑ **Special emphasis on commonly abused prescriptions, such as painkillers, relaxants, and mood-altering medications**

What's Out...

For more info on how to manage the items listed below, call the Marathon County Solid Waste Department: 1-877-270-3989

- ☑ Needles, syringes, or IV bags
- ☑ Inhalers
- ☑ Personal care products
- ☑ Vitamins & supplements
- ☑ Medications from businesses such as clinics/group facilities

Medication Drop-Box Locations & Times

Wausau Police Dept

515 Grand Avenue, Wausau
Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm in Lobby
No Holiday Drop Off

Everest Metro Police Dept

5303 Mesker Street, Weston
Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm in Lobby
No Holiday Drop Off

Rothschild Police Dept

211 Grand Ave, Rothschild
Open 24 hrs/day in Lobby
365 Days per Year

Colby-Abbotsford Police Dept*

112 W Spruce Street, Abbotsford
Mon, Wed & Fri, 8am-5pm
Tues & Thurs, 8am-1pm in Lobby
*Call 715-223-4944 to ensure availability

Kronenwetter Police Dept

1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter
Open 24 hrs/day, Outside Access
365 Days per Year

Village of Marathon City

311 Walnut Street, Marathon
Mon-Fri, 7am-4pm in Lobby
No Holiday Drop Off

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Marathon County Medication Drop-Box Program



Providing a safe place to dispose of unwanted and expired medications since January 2010

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Why use a medication drop off?

Protects the environment

Studies have found traces of different pharmaceuticals in wastewater throughout the US. Do NOT flush or pour them down the drain or sink.

Increases public safety

According to the *National Survey on Drug Abuse & Health*, 70% of those 12 yrs & older who abuse non-medical painkillers are obtained through a friend or relative, both legally and illegally.

Improves public health

Throwing unused or unwanted medications in the trash, or leaving them out can lead to dangerous unintended exposure to people or animals. Treat and store both prescription and over-the-counter drugs like any other poison.

What is the problem?

Every day, 2,200 youth age 12 to 17 abuse a pain reliever for the first time.

In 2008, nearly 2 million teens age 12 to 17 reported abusing prescription drugs.

Among 12 to 13 year olds, prescription medications are now their drug of choice.

Since 1997, there has been over a 400% increase in those seeking treatment for non-medical use of prescription painkillers.

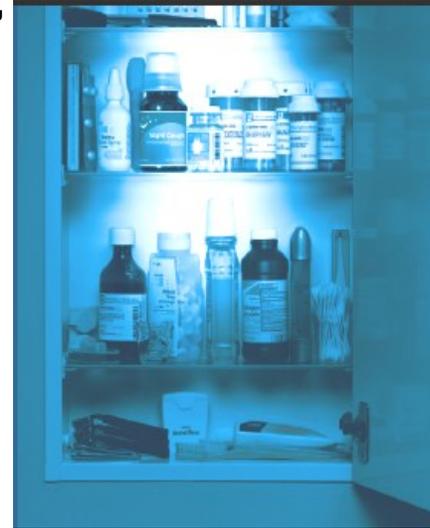
In 2004, nearly half of all emergency room visits resulting from over-the-counter cough or cold remedies were patients between 12 to 20.

Emergency room visits for the non-medical use of prescription or over-the-counter medications are now comparable to illicit drugs, such as heroin or cocaine.

Source: SAMHSA, 2008 *National Survey on Drug Use & Health* (Sept 2009)

How can I tell if my loved one is abusing these drugs?

- Problems at school or work
- Neglected appearance
- Changes physical health (constricted pupils, slurred speech or flushed skin)
- Personality changes, mood swings or irritability
- Missing/unfamiliar pills or bottles
- Empty bottles or packages
- Running out of pills quickly, losing pills, or requesting refills
- Borrowing money/ having extra cash



What can I do about it?

Think of your home . . .

- ◆ What prescription & over-the-counter medications do you have?
- ◆ Where are they kept?
- ◆ What is the expiration date?
- ◆ Would you know if some were missing?

Secure, Monitor & Dispose