

Prescription Drug Take Back Day - Saturday, October 25th, 2025

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) will be sponsoring another prescription drug disposal day on Saturday, October 25th, 2025. This free, anonymous event provides people the opportunity to safely dispose of unwanted, unused, or no longer needed medications.

Some guidelines for those wanting to dispose of unwanted medications through this event include:

- Both prescription *and* over-the-counter medications can be disposed of, including controlled/non-controlled substances, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, *and* pet medications.
 - Solid dosage forms (ex. tablets, capsules) can be dumped directly into collection containers, or can first be emptied into clear, sealable plastic bags.
 - Liquids, creams, and sprays should be kept in their original packages.
 - Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.
 - Vape pens are accepted *if* the batteries are removed *prior* to disposal.
- The following items are ***not*** accepted: illegal drugs (including marijuana or methamphetamines), needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), iodine containing medications, mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas), vape pens/e-cigarette devices with built-in batteries that *cannot* be removed.

Both the DEA and Wisconsin DOJ have links promoting the drug disposal day, including the ability to search for participating locations based upon city, county, or zip code. You can find more information by following the links below:

- [DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day](#)
- [Wisconsin Dose of Reality: Drug Take Back Day](#)

The good news is that if an individual misses one of these organized “take back” days, search mechanisms exist to locate permanent drug disposal boxes within Wisconsin that are always available to patients. Click [here](#) to be connected with this helpful resource!