

Disposal of Medicine – Prescription and OTC

Medicine that is no longer needed can be disposed of at local police stations (see list below) and the Naperville Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Just empty all the pills into a Ziploc bag. The bottles or container that it came in can be disposed of separately (look for the recycling triangle). The police stations have very limited space to collect the old medicine and do not want your personal information from the prescription bottles.

Police Stations

| | <u>Accepted Items</u> | <u>Items Not Accepted</u> |
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| Carol Stream | | |
| Lisle | | |
| Wheaton | | |
| Oak Brook | | |
| DuPage County Sheriff | | |
| Wood Dale | | |
| Schaumburg | | |
| Lemont | | |
| Bloomington | | |
| Itasca | | |
| Glendale Heights | | |
| Burr Ridge | | |
| Addison | | |
| Bartlett Village Hall (last Saturday of each month 9am-noon) | | |

This is a list of DuPage County police stations. Be sure to check with your local station to find out if they have a collection started.

What Happens to the Medicine?

It is incinerated. The heat kills the active ingredients in the medicine. This is better than flushing it down the toilet - where the medicine gets into the water system, and better than the garage, where the medicine may leech into the soil and groundwater.