

THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM



3 STEPS TO HELP PREVENT Prescription Drug Abuse

Be responsible with your medication.

- LOCK**
Keep medication out of sight and in a safe and secure place.
- MONITOR**
Keep track of medication and take only as directed.
- TAKE BACK**
Drop off unused medication at local Take Back locations. To learn more about the Take Back program or to find a location near you, go to www.takeback.nd.gov.

54% 54% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers obtain them from a friend or relative. NIDDK National Findings, 2018

  prevention.nd.gov/rxabuse

Prescription Drug Abuse is a growing problem in our communities. Under the federal Safe and Secure Disposal Act of 2010, communities are now required to offer residents, a method to collect and dispose of unused or expired prescription and over the counter medications in a safe, legal, secure and environmentally conscious manner.

Thirty Police and Campus Police Departments across Plymouth County now offer free, anonymous disposal of unused or expired medications that are no longer needed. Receptacles are securely located in the police department lobbies and provide safe accessibility every day, 24 hours a day. There are no fees involved for the disposal, and there are no questions asked. Just drop your unwanted medications into the bin, it is that easy. Medications should be discarded in their original packaging. For your protection, please blackout any personal information on the label.

There is a receptacle located at the Plymouth Police Department

Receptacles are located at the following departments

- Abington Police Department
- Brockton Police Department
- Bridgewater Police Department
- Bridgewater State University Police Department
- Carver Police Department
- Duxbury Police Department
- East Bridgewater Police Department
- Halifax Police Department
- Hanover Police Department
- Hanson Police Department
- Hingham Police Department
- Hull Police Department
- Kingston Police Department
- Lakeville Police Department
- Marion Police Department
- Marshfield Police Department
- Massasoit Community College Police Department
- Mattapoisett Police Department
- Middleboro Police Department
- Norwell Police Department
- Pembroke Police Department
- Plymouth Police Department
- Plympton Police Department
- Rochester Police Department
- Rockland Police Department
- Scituate Police Department
- Stonehill College Police Department
- Wareham Police Department
- West Bridgewater Police Department
- Whitman Police Department

The Prescription Medication Disposal Program is a collaborative effort between the District Attorney's Office, The Sheriff's Department, The Police Chiefs of Plymouth County, The Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and Covanta Energy.

Acceptable Medications

- Pills, Capsules and Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Liquid Medicines in unbreakable, leakproof containers
- Over the Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Pet Medications

Unacceptable Medications

- Syringes
- Needles
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Medical Devices
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Aerosol Cans
- Non-Prescription liquids, ointments and lotions
- Other Non-Pharmaceutical Waste

Useful Links regarding disposal

Brochure: [med-return-box-brochure.pdf \(netdna-ssl.com\)](#)

Syringe and Needle disposal sites: [Proper Use and Disposal of Needles and Syringes \(netdna-ssl.com\)](#)