For more information

Call:
Ashland County Sheriff’s Department
(715) 685-7640
Ashland Police Department
(715) 682-7062
Bayfield County Sheriff’s Department
(715) 373-6300
Park Falls Police Department
(715) 762-2446
Phillips Police Department
(715) 339-3847
Price County Sheriff’s Department
(715) 339-3011

Collection Sites, locations and times

Ashland Police Department
601 Main Street, Ashland
24 hours a day, every day

Bayfield County Sheriff’s Department
615 Second Avenue East
Washburn, M -F 8:00 - 4:00

Park Falls Police Department
400 4th Avenue South, Park Falls
M -F 8:00 - 4:00

Price County Sheriff’s Department
164 Cherry Street, Phillips
24 hours a day, every day

Medication Collection
A prescription for clean water & safe kids

Reduce pollution
Prevent childhood poisonings
Reduce substance abuse
Why should I care?

The three main hazards to improperly disposing of medications are:

**Contamination of water resources**
Wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly into our lakes, rivers and drinking water. Various levels of antibiotics, antidepressants, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States. Medications found in waterways can lead to reproductive and developmental problems for fish and other aquatic wildlife.

**Accidental childhood poisoning**
Medications often look like candy and children are curious about them. Improper storage or throwing medication in the trash provides easy access for children and pets.

**Substance abuse**
Children, teens and adults are abusing some prescription and over-the-counter drugs to get high. Many individuals who wouldn’t otherwise use illicit drugs might abuse prescription drugs because these drugs are so readily available and believed to be a safer way to get high.

**Unwanted/Unused Medication Collection**
Please keep medications in the original package or bottle, if possible. You CAN cross off the patient’s name and address, but DO NOT cover up or remove the name of the medicine.

Bring all unwanted medications to the collection site nearest you; you do not have to use the site in your county. You will not have to provide your name. The items collected will be safely disposed of in a hazardous waste facility. There is no cost to participate.

**You Can Bring:**
- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Ointments
- Sprays
- Liquid medications
- Patch medications
- Vials
- Pet medications

**Do NOT Bring:**
- Mercury
- Inhalers
- Biohazardous materials
- Needles/sharps
- Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste (paint, oil, pesticides, etc.)

**Disposal Do’s & Don’ts**

**DO:**
Reduce medication waste whenever possible:
- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used in the immediate future.

Dispose of the remainder properly:
- Utilize location medication collection programs like this one to dispose of your unused medications and over-the-counter drugs.

Remember to keep medications locked up and out of the reach of children.

**DON’T:**
- Flush unwanted medications down the toilet or sink drain.
- Burn medications or personal care products.
- Throw unaltered medications directly into the trash.