

## Disposal Requirements

**Only household waste pharmaceuticals accepted. Businesses cannot use this service.**

### Packaging:

Keep all medications in the original packaging. Medications may be Prescription (controlled or non-controlled) and over-the-counter.

### Allowed:

- Pills/Tablets
- Ointments/Creams
- Patches
- Inhalers
- Non-aerosol Sprays
- Vials
- Liquid Medications
- Pet Medications
- Vape Pens or e-cigarette devices (Batteries must be removed)

**Note:** Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted. Vape Pens and e-cigarette batteries are HIGHLY flammable and must be removed before depositing/collection.

### Not Allowed:

- Needles/Sharps
- Illegal Drugs
- Personal Care Products
- Biohazardous Material
- Aerosol Cans
- Thermometers
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Vape pens/e-cigarette devices with a built-in battery that cannot be removed

## Sharps Disposal

Used needles and lancets can stick waste disposal workers when they are thrown away in the trash or brought to a medication collection. However, needle-stick injuries are a preventable health risk. Package and dispose of sharps safely to avoid exposing yourself and others to harm.

Please visit our website for a current list of sharps disposal sites in Racine County:

[www.cityofracine.org/programs-and-services/sharps/](http://www.cityofracine.org/programs-and-services/sharps/)

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# Residential Medication Disposal

**A Prescription  
for a Safe Environment, Healthy  
Living, and Harm Reduction**



**City of Racine  
Public Health Department**

**Serving the City of Racine and in  
partnership with Local Law Enforcement  
and Racine County Public Health Division**

## Why is it Important?

There is growing concern that medications flushed down the drain or thrown in the trash can accumulate in the water supply and landfills, endangering the aquatic environment and wildlife. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medications from wastewater.

Medication disposal methods are also seen as an important tool in preventing drug abuse as a growing number of youth and adults turn to medicine cabinets in homes as sources of prescription pills.



People need a secure location to dispose of their unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications other than storing them in their households or throwing them in the trash where they are accessible for abuse and accidental poisoning.

Residents of Racine County now have two options available to dispose of unwanted medications:

- Medication Drop Boxes
- Coordinated Drop Off Events

To learn more, visit:

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/index.htm)

## Municipal Drop Boxes

In coordination with the Department of Justice, (DOJ) many Racine County law enforcement agencies have permanent medication drop boxes for residents to dispose of unwanted medications at the following locations:

### **Caledonia Police Department**

6900 Nicholson Road  
Caledonia, WI 53108

### **City of Burlington Police Department**

224 E. Jefferson Street  
Burlington, WI 53105

### **City of Racine Police Department**

730 Center Street  
Racine, WI 53403

### **Mt. Pleasant Police Department**

8811 Campus Drive  
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

### **Racine Sheriff Patrol Station**

14116 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

### **Sturtevant Police Department**

2801 89th Street  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

### **Town of Burlington Police Department**

32288 Bushnell Road  
Burlington, WI 53105

### **Union Grove Municipal Building**

925 15th Avenue  
Union Grove, WI 53182

### **Waterford Town Police Department**

415 N. Milwaukee Street  
Waterford, WI 53185

### **Wind Point Village Office**

215 E. Four Mile Road  
Racine, WI 53402

## Pharmacy Drop Boxes

In addition to municipal locations, several pharmacies offer medication drop boxes at the following locations:

### **Aurora Pharmacy**

252 McHenry Street  
Burlington, WI 53105

13250 Washington Avenue  
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53177

4310 67th Drive  
Union Grove, WI 53108

### **Walgreens Pharmacy**

4810 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53405

5005 Douglas Avenue  
Racine, WI 53402

For a current list of drop box sites visit:

[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids/permanent-drug-drop-boxes.htm)

## Drop Off Events

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies coordinates drug take back initiatives throughout the state of Wisconsin. DOJ intends to hold a minimum of two collections per year. For information on the dates and event locations, please see the DOJ website:

[www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/prescription-drug-take-back-day](http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/prescription-drug-take-back-day)