



**DRUG  
TAKE  
BACK**






# HOW AND WHERE TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS AND OTHER DRUGS

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**Unused medications are a disaster waiting to be found,** so it's vital to safely dispose of unneeded and expired prescriptions. You should never flush or drain your unused prescription medications. There are safe Drug Take Back disposal sites available throughout the State of Wisconsin, and all sites offer confidential disposal.



## How and Where to Dispose of Unwanted Prescription Painkillers and Other Drugs

-  **Local Police Departments** - If your prescriptions contain narcotics or other controlled substances, contact your local police department to find out if the police will accept them.
-  **Mail-Back Programs** - The Wisconsin DEA allows mail-back programs for unused medications. You can purchase mail-back packages from your doctor, pharmacy, or local police station.
-  **Drug Take Back Day** - Whenever possible, take your unused prescription drugs to a collection program or event – the Wisconsin Department of Justice's DRUG TAKE BACK Days happen, at minimum, in the spring and fall of each year.
-  **IMPORTANT! Drug Take Back is confidential** - You may place your unused prescriptions into a plastic zipper lock bag, or remove the prescription label from the outside of the bottle.
-  **To Find Drug Take Back locations near you** - Go to [DoseOfRealityWI.gov/Drug-TakeBack](http://DoseOfRealityWI.gov/Drug-TakeBack)



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PREVENT PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLER ABUSE IN WISCONSIN.

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