

What if I can't get to a MedDrop location?

If you or a trusted family member cannot make it to a MedDrop location, and the medications are an urgent risk to your family, please:

- Mix the medications with liquid, or
- Grind the medications up, or
- Mix them with coffee grounds or kitty litter, and
- Put them in a second container or plastic bag and hide in your trash

Be sure to remove or mark over any labels identifying the medication, your personal information and the prescription Rx number.



Med Drop

If you would like to learn more about the MedDrop program visit Safe Communities website at <https://safercommunity.net/meddrop/>.



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Preventing Adverse
Drug Events

Our agency is a member of the Dane County Community-Based Care Transitions Coalition, and we are working together to help prevent Adverse Drug Events in Dane County. Accidental medication poisoning is now the number one cause of death from injury in Dane County, killing more people than automobile accidents.

In 2014, the Safe Communities MedDrop Program collected 7.5 tons of medication. Please use this blue bag to take your old and expired medications to a MedDrop box listed on the bag label.



What is an Adverse Drug Event?

An Adverse Drug Event is an injury to the body that can happen from taking expired, wrong, or too much of a medication.

Falls, dizziness, confusion, overdoses, drug poisoning and allergic reactions are examples of Adverse Drug Events. The good news is that many Adverse Drug Events are preventable by getting unnecessary medications out of the home.

Why do I need to get rid of my old medications? I might need them again sometime in the future.

Getting rid of unnecessary and expired medications is best for your own health and safety. We want you to be taking the *right* medications for you *right* now. We also want to keep children and pets safe. Please keep medications locked and out of children's reach. Pain medications can be especially dangerous.

Why can't I just keep my old medications at home?

Getting rid of old medications is an easy way to keep you and your family safe. Removing old medications from the home reduces the chance of you or a family member having an Adverse Drug Event.

Why can't I just flush my old medications or throw them away?

Medications are bad for our water and environment. Putting medications in the toilet, down the sink or in the landfill could be harming you, your family, your pets, wildlife and your water supply. When you take old medications to the medication drop boxes, they are safely disposed of.



Where can I get rid of sharps like needles, syringes and lancets?

Used needles and other sharps are dangerous to people and pets if not disposed of safely because they can hurt people and spread infections that cause serious health conditions. **Do not put any sharps in the blue bag.** Sharps containers and old laundry detergent jugs are the safest containers for storing used sharps at home.

There are over 50 sites in Dane County where you can safely dispose of your sharps. You can look up the closest one to you on the DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/documents/faclists/SharpsCollection.pdf>

What are all my medications for anyway?

It is best to ask your own doctor or pharmacist about your medications. Many senior centers and community pharmacies offer a medication review appointment where you can talk about your medications with a pharmacist who can explain what each medication is for.

For more information on how to make an appointment, contact the United Way of Dane County at 608-246-4350 or your local pharmacy.



HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR MEDICINE

- Empty contents of pill bottles into bag before placing into the MedDrop box.
- Leave liquids, gels and creams in original container and then place in bag.

WHAT YOU CAN GET RID OF AT

MEDDROP BOXES

- Prescription Medicine (pills, liquids, creams, powders & patches)
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (pills, liquids, creams, powders & patches)
- Vitamins
- Medication Samples
- Nebulizer Solution
- Inhalers
- Medications for Pets

MEDDROP BOX LOCATIONS

Blue Mounds Police Department

11011 Brigham Avenue, (608) 437-5197

Cambridge Police Department

200 South Spring Street, (608) 423-4328

Deerfield Police Department

7 West Deerfield Street, (608) 764-5626

Fitchburg Police Department

5520 Lacy Road, 7:30 am-4:30 pm Monday-Friday

Madison Police East District

809 S. Thompson Drive, 8am-4pm Monday-Friday

Madison Police West District

1710 McKenna Boulevard, 8am-4pm Monday-Friday

Mazomanie Police Department

133 Crescent Street, (608) 767-2762

McFarland Police Department

5915 Milwaukee Street, 8am-9pm Monday-Friday

Middleton Police Department

7341 Donna Drive, 24 hours in the lobby

Oregon Police Department

383 Park St. Oregon, (608) 835-3111

Sun Prairie Police Department

300 E. Main Street, 24 hours in the lobby

University of Wisconsin Police Department

1429 Monroe St, (608) 264-2677

Waunakee Police Department

205 N. Klein Drive, 8am-6pm Monday-Friday

*No IV bags, thermometers, sharps, Epi-pens, or anything with a needle or lancet accepted.

*Illegal drugs cannot be disposed of in the drop box.

*For more information go to

* <http://www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php> or

<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch>