



# Medication/Drug Disposal for Lawrence & Mercer Counties

## Overview

Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases, but when they are no longer needed it's important to dispose of them properly to avoid harm to others and the environment.

## Medicine Take-Back Programs

Medicine take-back programs for disposal are a good way to remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from the home and reduce the chance that others may accidentally take the medicine. You can talk to your pharmacist to see if he or she knows of other medicine disposal programs in your area or visit the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's website for information on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Events.

## How Proper Disposal of Medications Protects You and the Environment

- Avoids health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well.
- Prevents poisoning of children and pets.
- Deters misuse by teenagers and adults.
- Keeps medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet

## Using a Drop-off Location

All pharmaceutical drugs that are being disposed of need to be in a sealed container such as the original bottle or a zip-lock bag. They may not be disposed of loosely.

Liquid pharmaceuticals should remain in the original container.

Personal information should be removed or blotted out with a permanent marker.

## Items Accepted

Prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, and pet medicines\*

## Items NOT Accepted

Intravenous solutions, injectables and needles\*

\*Please check with your drop off location for a complete list of items accepted or not accepted.

## Sources:

Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs  
United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

## DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

### Borough of Grove City Police Dept.

337 East Pine Street  
Grove City, PA 16127  
(724) 458-7925

Hours of Availability: M-F 10am-2pm.

### City of Hermitage Police Dept.

800 North Hermitage Road  
Hermitage, PA 16148  
(724) 981-6780

Hours of Availability: M-F 10am-2pm.

### Greenville-West Salem Police Dept.

125 Main Street  
Greenville, PA 16125  
(724) 588-4190

Hours of Availability: M-F 10am-2pm.

### Mercer County Sheriff's Office

205 South Erie Street, Rm 102  
Mercer, PA 16137  
(724) 662-3800

Hours of Availability: M-F 10am-2pm.

### Lawrence County District Attorney's Office

430 Court St  
New Castle, PA 16101  
(724) 656-1916

Hours of Availability: M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.