



How to Dispose of Unwanted Medications

- Keep Pollutants Out of Our Waters
- Prevent Accidental Poisonings
- Reduce Drug Abuse
- Prevent Theft

Improper Disposal of Medications

- Flushing unused medication down the drain or throwing it in the trash introduces these drugs into the environment. These chemicals may result in reproductive and developmental problems in fish and other aquatic wildlife.
- Possible poisoning from accidental ingestion, particularly with young children, elderly and pets, if medicine is thrown into the trash.
- Illegal use or theft, including identity theft, from discarded containers providing personal patient information.

Protect your family and our environment by properly disposing of unwanted and expired medications.

Do Not Flush! Do Not Pour!

To improve water quality, prescription or over-the-counter medications should NOT be flushed down the toilet or sink.

Medication Disposal Guidelines

Drop off unwanted or expired medicine for safe disposal 24/7 to the following medication drop boxes at:

Martinsville Police Department
59 South Jefferson Street
Martinsville, IN 46151
765-349-4900

Mooreville Police Department
104 West Main Street
Mooreville, IN 461518
317-831-3434

Acceptable Medications:

- Prescription & Over-the-Counter Medications (including samples)
- Prescription Ointments
- Pet Medications
- Vitamins
- Patches

Remember!

- NO Liquids
- NO Aerosols
- NO Lotions
- NO Thermometers
- NO Needles or Syringes
- Please Keep Medication in the Original Package or Bottle
- Remove or Black Out Personal Information



Why Should I Take the Time To Do This?

It's Your Environment – Please Don't Flush!

Some drugs that are flushed down the toilet cannot be removed by the sewage treatment plant or septic processes. These substances are released into waterways, which can lead to contamination of surface and ground water. Septic tank systems may release the pharmaceuticals into the soil, from which they may reach ground water.

Abuse Is Widespread!

Abuse of prescription drugs, particularly painkillers, has increased among young people due to the ease of obtaining drugs. Sixty percent of the people who abuse painkillers indicated that they received the drugs from friends or relatives.

You Can Make a Difference!

Children, pets or scavenging animals could find the medication and swallow it. Your drugs could be scavenged and illegally sold. Take action to minimize the threat of accidental poisoning or drug abuse. Let's take steps now to avoid harm to future generations and the environment.

Your participation is appreciated!

Questions?

765-342-2533

Morgan County Solid Waste Management District Office
MorganCountySolidWaste.org



Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District
MorganCountySWCD.org

Morgan County Partnership for Water Quality
MorganCountySurveyor.com



Healthier Morgan County Initiative
HealthierMorganCounty.org

Morgan County Substance Abuse Council
MorganCountySAC.org

