



Medication Disposal

Protect Personal Information when disposing of prescriptions

The label of a prescription bottle shows personal data, such as your name, your doctor's name, the type of medication, the number of refills allowed and the date of the current refill. In the wrong hands, this data could be harmful to you or a drug abuser. Therefore it is always important for you to black out your personal data on the label before disposing of the product in any manner.

Use a permanent black marker

Please be aware that the contracted disposal company will destroy labels and recycle the medical containers they receive through the Will County Medication Take-Back Program.



Drop-Off Locations

One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events (Please call or check the website for upcoming events)
815-727-8834
www.willcountylanduse.com

Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites

Fire Station #4
1971 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL
(1/2 mile south of I-88 & Rt. 59)
Please do not call directly
Hours: Saturday & Sunday, 9am-3pm

Chicago HHW & Electronics Site
1150 N North Branch Street, Chicago
(near Division & North Branch Streets)
312-744-5026
Hours: Tuesdays 7am-12 noon
 Thursdays 2pm—7pm
 First Saturday of the Month 8am-3pm

Participating Pharmacies



BEECHER
Doc's Drugs
1277 Dixie Hwy, Beecher, IL
708-946-3714
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7pm & Sat: 9am-5pm

BRAIDWOOD
Doc's Drugs
230 Comet Drive, Braidwood, IL
815-458-3444
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7pm & Sat: 9am-5pm

JOLIET
Basinger's Marycrest Pharmacy
2130 W. Jefferson, Joliet, IL
815-725-1102
Hours: 7 Days a week, 8:30am—9:00pm

Basinger's City Center Pharmacy
300 N. Ottawa, Joliet, IL
815-722-3200
Mon-Fri: 9:30am-5pm & Sat: 9:30-11am

Basinger's Essington Pharmacy
2202 Essington, Joliet, IL
815-267-3253
Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm

Basinger's Primary Care Pharmacy
2025 S. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL
815-723-0300
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm & Sat: 9am-1pm

MONEE
Doc's Drugs
25624 Governor's Hwy, Monee, IL
708-534-8540
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7pm & Sat: 9am-3pm

PEOTONE
Doc's Drugs
222 Harlem Ave, Peotone, IL
708-258-6811
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7pm & Sat: 9am-5pm

WILMINGTON
Doc's Drugs
1101 S. Water, Wilmington, IL
815-476-2131
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-7pm & Sat: 9am-5pm

Will County Medication Take-Back Program

Will County
In partnership with:
Illinois EPA
Basinger's Pharmacy
Doc's Drugs

Serving the Environmental Needs of the Will County community.

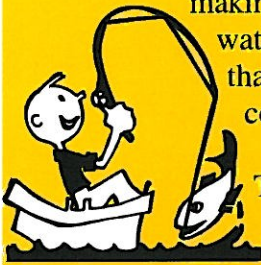


NO Narcotics or Needles

Will County Land Use—Waste Services
815-727-8834
wasteservices@willcountylanduse.com
www.willcountylanduse.com

Will County Medication Take-Back Program

This program protects Will County water resources, while reducing the materials going to local landfills. Each year it is estimated that over 4,600 tons of pharmaceuticals and personal care products enter the waste stream. Several United States Geological Survey studies over the past 7 years have found that many pharmaceuticals are surviving water treatment facilities and making their way into drinking water. The very medications that help people may be a concern to aquatic life.



The EPA has asked everyone to **cease** “flushing” unwanted medications down the drain. The federal government is encouraging people to locate pharmaceutical take-back programs for disposal of unwanted medications.

Will County, in cooperation with the Illinois EPA and local pharmacies began the area’s first permanent Medication Take-Back Program in 2007. This is a pilot program, that if successful, will be expanded.

Will County shall continue to offer One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events which have always accepted medications. Please share this information with friends, neighbors and family members to protect our fishing, recreational and drinking water resources.

Drop-Off Instructions

- ⊗ Bring only residentially generated medication items. No medications from businesses or doctor’s offices can be taken.
- ⊗ Use a permanent marker to black out your name or personal information on the label.
- ⊗ Take medications to pharmacy or collection site during drop-off operation hours **ONLY**.
- ⊗ Please follow directions at the drop-off site. Only give medications to the pharmacy or drop-off site personnel.
- ⊗ This is not a share or reuse opportunity. All medications received will be destroyed in the most environmentally sound manner possible.

THANK YOU



Items Accepted

(Expired or Unwanted)



- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Medicated Ointments
- Medicated Shampoos
- Liquids Containing Medications
- Prescription Inhalers
- Over-the-Counter Inhalers
- Glass Thermometers (contain mercury)
- Medical devices containing mercury (blood pressure units, barometers, etc.)



Items NOT Accepted

DEA Controlled Substances*:

- Narcotic Medications
- Illegal Drugs
- Bio-Hazardous Materials
- Sharps / Needles
- Radioactive Materials
- Other Household Wastes

**The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency defines DEA Controlled Substances under the 1970 Controlled Substances Act. They are medications categorized by “schedules” based on their potential for abuse or addiction. The schedules cover opiates, hallucinogens and prescriptions containing narcotics or amphetamines.*



What to do with medications that are not accepted?

Will County, in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies, will host special collection events that include DEA controlled substances from time-to-time. Please check our website or call for more information.

Will County Land Use - Waste Services

Sponsor

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