



Not in  
The Toilet



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The Trash

**Fact:** Throwing medicines in the garbage is not safe - especially for narcotics and other highly addictive and dangerous drugs - because the drugs can be found and used by others, even if they are mixed with undesirable materials like coffee grounds or kitty litter. Prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing drug problem in the county. Prevent drug theft and abuse by using a medicine take-back program to dispose of your unwanted medicines.

**Fact:** Crushing pills to disguise them before disposal is difficult and dangerous and puts the handler at risk of exposure to the drug through skin contact or by breathing in the dust. Many medications are designed to release in the body over time, and crushing pills can release a dangerously high dose. The pill dust may endanger other family members and pets in the home, and some medications can be especially harmful to children and women of childbearing age.

**Fact:** Throwing unwanted medicines in the household trash does not ensure that curious kids can't get at them. There's an epidemic of accidental poisonings from medicines in our homes - and children are the most common victims. Also, pets and animals are not deterred by kitty litter or other substances when getting into the trash and can potentially ingest the unused medicines. **Human medications are the leading cause of pet poisonings**, most often from trash-related toxic exposures.

**Fact:** Modern landfills are well-designed, safe, and handle standard household waste well. However, medicines are a special type of hazardous chemical that we need to keep out of our solid waste system and landfills to prevent harm to people and the environment. Drugs can be very toxic for people and wildlife, even in low doses.

**Local agencies have worked hard to obtain grants and other sources of funding to provide our communities with a safe way to dispose of their unused medication.**

**Returning your unwanted medicines to a take-back program is the safest and most environmentally protective way to dispose of unused medication.**



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Prevent Prescription Drug Abuse. Proper and timely disposal of prescription drugs reduces the likelihood of abuse by family, friends, and others.

# ASHTABULA COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

*Offering proper disposal of your unused prescription meds before they get into the wrong hands.*



**Items placed in the Drop-Boxes should have their labels removed or blackened out with permanent marker.**

**Medications should be placed inside a closed container or baggie, (preferably the original container) and then placed inside the drop-box.**

**Andover Village Hall**

134 Maple Street  
Andover, Oh 44003  
293-4747

Open Monday- Friday 8am-4:30pm  
CLOSED ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS  
(drop box is located inside)

**Ashtabula City Police Department**

110 W. 44<sup>th</sup> St. #1  
Ashtabula, Oh 44004  
440-992-7172  
OPEN 24/7

(drop box is located inside)

**Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office**

25 West Jefferson Street  
Jefferson, Oh 44047  
576-9046

Open Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm  
CLOSED ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS  
(drop box is located inside)

**Conneaut Police Department**

294 Main Street  
Conneaut, Oh 44030  
593-7440  
OPEN 24/7

(drop box is located inside)

**Northwest Ambulance District**

1480 South Broadway  
Geneva, Oh 44041  
466-4900  
OPEN 24/7

(drop box is located outside)

**Orwell Village Hall**

179 W. Main St.  
Orwell, Oh 44076  
437-6450

OPEN Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-3pm  
(drop box is located inside)



**What can be turned in?**

- \*Controlled Substance medications (scheduled drugs)
- \*Non-Controlled Substance (Rx) medications
- \*Medication samples
- \*Vitamins
- \*Syrups, Ointments, Creams and Lotions
- \*Inhalers

**What Cannot be turned in?**

- \*Any sharps such as: Needles, Syringes, or Lancets
- \*Any Mercury or Cadmium Products such as: Thermometers & Batteries
- \*Disposal medical waste items such as: IV bags, Used Bandages, Gowns, or Bio-Hazardous items
- \*Aerosol cans
- \*Chemicals or Disinfectants such as: Hydrogen Peroxide
- \*Personal care products (non-medicated shampoo, etc)