

What will happen to the waste medications?

Currently, incineration is the best available technology for disposing of medications.

Disposal of waste medications in a landfill is undesirable because medicines can end up in the landfill leachate (water that comes in contact with the trash). Waste water treatment facilities that receive and process leachate may not be able to remove the contaminants.

Locations:

Outside the:



Ogle County Correctional Center (Jail)
(Next to the Old Ogle County Courthouse)
107 S. 5th Street
Oregon, IL

At the following Police Departments:

Byron Police Dept.
Forreston Police Dept.
Mt. Morris Police Dept.
Oregon Police Dept.
Polo Police Dept.
Rochelle Police Dept.



Hours:

Container outside the Ogle County Jail is open continuously, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Others - during business hours.

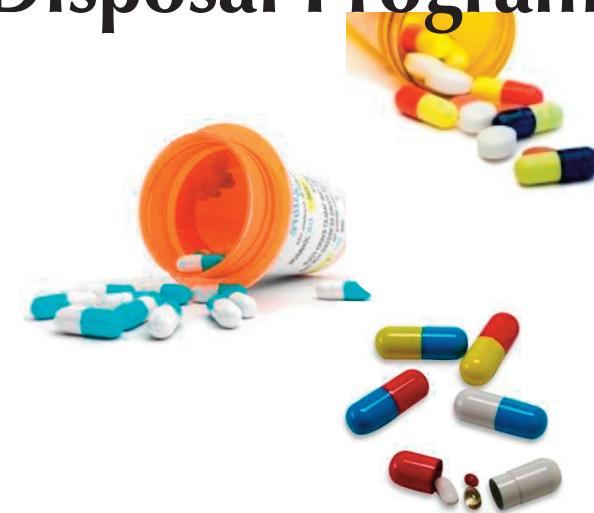
Questions?

Contact the:
Ogle County Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept.
815-732-4020
or visit www.oglecounty.org.

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Ogle County Waste Medicine Disposal Program



Sponsored by

The Ogle County Solid Waste Mgmt. Dept.,
The Ogle County Sheriff's Dept.,

Polo Police Dept.,

Byron Police Dept.,

Rochelle Police Dept.,

Oregon Police Dept.,

Forreston Police Dept.,

Mt. Morris Police Dept.



The sponsoring law enforcement agencies listed are providing residents of Ogle County the opportunity to properly and safely dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medicines.

Who can use the drop-off to dispose of waste medicine?

The program is open to **Ogle County residents only**. If you are not an Ogle County resident, contact your county, local law enforcement agency or check the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency website for disposal options.



Medicine will be accepted from households only.

No medicine from businesses including healthcare facilities, long-term care facilities, pharmacies, pharmaceutical representatives, doctor's offices and veterinary clinics.

Materials accepted

Medicine from households only will be accepted, including:

- * Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- * Vitamins
- * Supplements
- * Pet medications



Medicine will be accepted in any form, including blister packs, capsules, creams, gels, liquids, patches, pills, powder, sprays, vials, etc.

Place pills in a sealable plastic bag and place into drop box.
Recycle empty pill bottles in your regular recycling program.



To deposit liquid medicine, leave in bottle, black out personal information, seal in a plastic bag and deposit into drop box.



Medicines are accepted free of charge.

Items NOT accepted:

- * Needles or Sharps
- * Thermometers
- * Hydrogen Peroxide
- * Aerosol Cans
- * Medicine from Businesses or Clinics



What are the problems with unwanted and unused medicine?

Health and safety threats

Unwanted, expired and unused medications in the home pose safety and health threats.

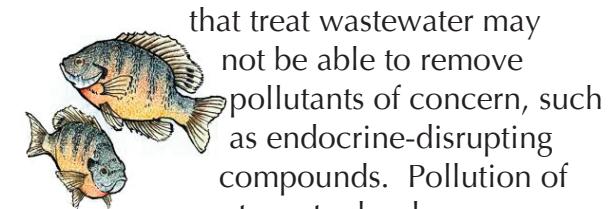
Storage of medicine can lead to abuse or poisoning.

Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens. The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends and from the home medicine cabinet.

Prescriptions are only safe for the person they are prescribed for. Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

Environmental concerns

Disposal of waste medications down the sewer is undesirable because the facilities



that treat wastewater may not be able to remove pollutants of concern, such as endocrine-disrupting compounds. Pollution of waste water has been demonstrated to cause adverse effects to fish and other aquatic wildlife. When the water is eventually reused, it can also cause unintentional human exposure to chemicals in medications.

