

## Drop Off Events

### WI Department of Justice Events

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies coordinates drug take back initiatives throughout the state of Wisconsin. DOJ intends to hold a minimum of two collections per year. For more information on the dates and locations of these events, please see the DOJ website:

[www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location](http://www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location)

### East and West End Collection Events

East and west Racine County drop off events may be held depending on grant funding.

## Sharps Disposal

Used needles and lancets can stick waste disposal workers when they are thrown away in the trash or brought to a medication collection. However, needle-stick injuries are a preventable health risk. Package and dispose of sharps safely to avoid exposing yourself and others to harm.

Please visit our website for a current list of sharps disposal sites in Racine County:

[www.cityofracine.org/HHW/](http://www.cityofracine.org/HHW/)

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# Residential Medication Disposal

**A Prescription  
for Clean Water  
& Safe Kids**



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## Why is it Important?

There is growing concern that medications flushed down the drain or thrown in the trash can accumulate in the water supply and landfills, endangering the aquatic environment and wildlife. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medications from wastewater.

Medication disposal methods are also seen as an important tool in preventing drug abuse as a growing number of youth and adults turn to medicine cabinets in homes as sources of prescription pills.



People need a secure location to dispose of their unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications other than storing them in their households or throwing them in the trash where they are accessible for abuse and accidental poisoning.

Residents of Racine County now have two options available to dispose of unwanted medications:

- Drop Boxes & Sites
- Drop Off Events

## Law Enforcement Drop Boxes/Sites

In coordination with the Department of Justice, (DOJ) many Racine County law enforcement agencies now have medication drop boxes/sites for residents to dispose of unwanted medications. Boxes/sites are located at:

### **Caledonia Police Department**

6900 Nicholson Road  
Caledonia, WI 53108

### **City of Burlington Police Department**

224 E Jefferson Street  
Burlington, WI 53105

### **City of Racine Police Department**

730 Center Street  
Racine, WI 53403

### **Mt. Pleasant Police Department**

8811 Campus Drive  
Mt Pleasant, WI 53406

### **Racine Sheriff Patrol Station**

14116 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

### **Sturtevant Police Department**

2801 89th Street  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

### **Town of Burlington Police Department**

32288 Bushnell Road  
Burlington, WI 53105

### **Union Grove Village Hall**

925 15th Avenue  
Union Grove, WI 53182

### **Waterford Police Department**

415 N Milwaukee Street  
Waterford, WI 53185

## Pharmacy Drop Boxes

**Lakeview Pharmacy**  
516 Monument Square  
Racine, WI 53403

**Walgreens Pharmacy**  
4810 Washington Avenue  
Racine, WI 53405

Please see the DOJ website for a current list of other drop box locations:

[www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location](http://www.doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location)

## Disposal Requirements

### **Packaging:**

Keep all medications in the original packaging.

### **Allowed:**

- Pills/Tablets
- Ointments/Creams
- Patches
- Non-aerosol Sprays
- Vials
- Liquid Medications

### **Not Allowed:**

- Needles/Sharps
- Illegal Drugs
- Inhalers
- Personal Care Products
- Biohazardous Material
- Aerosol Cans
- Thermometers
- Household Hazardous Waste