

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

October 23, 2021

**Glendale Police Department lobby
5909 N Milwaukee River Pky.**

The Glendale Police Department, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) participates in the Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin. The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal of prescription medications, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of these medications. Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused.

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from our state's medicine cabinets helps to prevent them from going into our water supply. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

No businesses allowed. All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household.

On Saturday, October 23, 2021, is the Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Citizens can drop off their unused or expired medication at the Glendale Police Department. The Drug Collection Box is in the police department lobby.

The Glendale Police Department's Drug Collection Box is available year-round for citizens to drop off unused or expired medications.

Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, and pet medications.

Do Not Bring: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

- Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag. Plastic pill containers

should not be collected. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.

- Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging and evenly distributed within the boxes of collected solid prescription medications. *Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.*
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel will not handle the medications at any time.