

The following items may NOT be placed in the drop box at the police station:

- Needles/sharps
- Liquid medications
- IV equipment
- Chemotherapy drugs



Contact your local health department for information on how to dispose of these items.

All medications will be disposed of in an environmentally sound way.



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Drop Drugs at these Police Stations:

**Amherst, Athol, Belchertown,
Erving, Easthampton,
Deerfield, Granby, Greenfield,
Hadley, Montague,
Northampton, Orange, South
Hadley, Sunderland, Ware**

**Simply bring them to your
local police station
& drop them in the MEDRETURN BOX.**

**Medicines can remain in
original containers
with labels.**



**No liquids, syringes,
IV equipment or chemotherapy drugs.**

**Prescription and non-prescription
drugs, vitamins and veterinary meds
are accepted**

Do you have unwanted medications in your home?



Get them out of the wrong hands, away from children and teens – and out of the environment by disposing of them properly at your local police station.

Simply bring in your pill bottles, intact. Black out your personal information on the label. Place them in the drop-box.

No questions asked!

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS? TEENS

- Prescription Drugs are the #1 choice among 12-13 year olds.
- 70% of people 12 and older who abuse prescription drugs get them from family and friends.
- 1 in 7 teens admitted to abusing prescription drugs to get high in the past year. Some 60% of teens who abused prescription pain relievers did so before the age of 15.
- 56% of teens believe that prescription drugs are easier to get than illicit drugs.
- 2 in 5 teens believe that prescription drugs are much safer than illegal drugs and 3 in 10 teens believe that prescription drugs are not addictive.
- 3.1 million 12 to 25 year olds used over the counter cough and cold medications at least once to get high. The mean age of the first non-prescribed use of sedatives and stimulants is 13.

ELDERS

- Helping elders clean out their medicine cabinets can help prevent accidental overdoses and the misappropriation of prescription drugs by personal care assistants or loved ones.



THE ENVIRONMENT

- A recent study shows that 80% of US streams contain small amounts of human antibiotics.
- Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water.
- Small amounts of medicines have been found in drinking water.