

Save a Life

Dispose of Drugs Safely

OPTION 1

Drug Disposal

Drop off your expired, unused or unwanted medications for safe disposal at the following:

- Participating local pharmacies
- Participating law enforcement drop-boxes
- Drug take back events

For a list of sites, visit [Michigan.gov/deqdrugdisposal](https://www.michigan.gov/deqdrugdisposal)

OPTION 2

Disposal Recipe

If you can't get to a drug take back site, use the recipe below as a last resort to dispose of expired, unused or unwanted drugs.

Step 1: Mix drugs (do not crush) with dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds and add a small amount of water to dissolve any solid medications.

Step 2: Seal drugs in plastic bag.

Step 3: Place plastic bag in trash.

Step 4: Take prescription container and scratch out personal information, then recycle or throw away.

Do not dispose of chemotherapy drugs this way, discuss disposal options with prescribing doctor



Drug overdose

is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. More people die from drug overdoses than car accidents.

Sources: ASAM, SAMSHA, USFDA, Trust America Health

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70,000 children

go to the hospital each year for medication errors. Unused drugs contribute to this.

69% of people who misused pain medication got them from a friend or relative



80% of new heroin users began by misusing pain drugs ordered by their doctor.

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