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**Safe Medication Disposal Now Available Citywide**

*Community collaboration brings disposal boxes to Milwaukee Police Department locations*

MILWAUKEE – As part of the communitywide effort to reduce prescription drug abuse and protect the environment, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Common Council President Michael J. Murphy were joined by Milwaukee Police Chief Edward Flynn, Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker, Common Council members Terry Witkowski and Jim Bohl, and community partners to open locations citywide where household medications can be safely disposed of.

The receptacles were donated as part of a nationwide Drug Disposal for Safer Communities program by CVS Pharmacy and the Partnership for Drug Free Kids seeking to prevent a half million teenagers from abusing prescription medication by 2017. The proper disposal of medications placed in these drop boxes is being supported through funds from the Milwaukee County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

**Medications may be taken 24/7 to the disposal drop boxes inside Milwaukee Police Department District Stations 2 through 7, as well as the Milwaukee Municipal Court (951 N. James Lovell St.) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. All disposal is anonymous, secure, and safe.**

Prior to dropping off medications at the above sites, it is recommended that unused pills be transferred to a clear plastic bag for disposal. Empty pill bottles or containers may go into your recycling bin or garbage. You do not have to take individual pills out of plastic pillow or bubble packaging.

**BRING:** Prescription medications, patches, ointments  
Over-the-counter medications, patches, ointments  
Non-aerosol medical sprays and vials  
Vitamins  
Pet medications

**DO NOT BRING:** Illegal drugs  
Needles/sharps ([click here for medical sharps guidance](#))  
Bio-hazardous material (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood)  
Inhalers  
Aerosol cans  
Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.)  
Household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas)

For more information on locations and further information, visit [www.milwaukee.gov/health](http://www.milwaukee.gov/health).

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