

KEEP IT SAFE

Please follow these guidelines when disposing of prescription and over-the-counter medications:

- Keep the medicines in the original container.
- Mark out your name and address.
- Secure the container.
- Deposit the medicines in the disposal boxes at participating Summit County police stations. Locations are listed on the back of this brochure.



D.U.M.P. BOX LOCATIONS

Akron City Police Department
217 South High Street
Akron, OH 44308

Barberton City Police Department
576 W Park Ave
Barberton, OH 44203

Bath Township
3864 W. Bath Road
Akron, OH 44333

Copley Police Department
1280 Sunset Drive
Copley, Ohio 44321

Hudson Police Department
36 South Oviatt Street
Hudson, OH 44236

Macedonia Police Department
9691 Valley View Rd
Macedonia, Ohio 44056-2044

New Franklin Police Department
5611 Manchester Rd.
Akron, Oh 44319

Richfield Police Department
4450 W. Streetsboro Rd.
Richfield, Oh 44286

Sagamore Hills Police Department
11551 Valley View Rd.
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

Stow Police Department
3800 Darrow Road
Stow, OH 44224

Tallmadge Police Department
53 Northeast Ave.
Tallmadge, Oh 44278

Twinsburg Police Department
10075 Ravenna Road
Twinsburg, OH 44087

Unused Prescription Medications?



DON'T TRASH



DON'T FLUSH

D.U.M.P.

**DISPOSE OF
UNUSED
MEDICATIONS
PROPERLY**

What is the Issue?

Safe methods of disposal are needed for expired or unwanted medicines. Improper disposal of medicines presents both a public safety and environmental hazard.

The Summit County Health District, in collaboration with local community partners, has established a pharmaceutical disposal program for residents to safely dispose of their unused medications.

Simply take the unwanted medicine to one of the several D.U.M.P. box locations in the county and the medication will be safely destroyed, no questions asked. Locations are listed on the back of this brochure.



Please note, these boxes are for pills, capsules or liquids only—syringes cannot be accepted at the D.U.M.P. boxes.

For syringe disposal, please call 330-926-5600

Prescription Abuse

Prescription drug abuse by teens is a serious problem in Ohio. An Ohio Department of Health report indicates that 26.5% of high school students have abused prescription drugs.

Many teens think these drugs are safe because they have legitimate uses, but taking them without a prescription to get high or “self-



medicate” can be as dangerous and addictive as using illegal street drugs.

Painkillers are the most common pharmaceutical abused by teens. Stimulant abuse is more common among older teens and college students than younger teens.

Environmental Concerns

Many medications pass through our sewage treatment plants and septic systems. Antibiotic residuals can be harmful to sewage treatment facilities.

Expired or unwanted medicines flushed down the toilet are reaching streams, lakes and our drinking water supplies. Some fish and amphibians that have been exposed to waters contaminated by medications show signs of developmental and reproductive problems.

Q & A

Why not flush meds down the toilet?
They can end up in our water supply.

Is it okay for me to throw meds into my trash?

Medications in the trash are an easy target for children and pets. These medications will end up in the landfills, where they may leach indirectly into the water.

Where do I take my unwanted meds?
Take them to a D.U.M.P. box at any of the locations listed on the back of this brochure.