**POD Drop-Off Locations**

**Antrim County Sheriff’s Office**  
107 Grove Street, Bellaire, MI 49615

**Boyne City - City Hall**  
319 North Lake Street, Boyne City, MI 49712

**Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office - Jail Entrance**  
1000 Grant Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

**Charlevoix County Sheriff’s Office - Beaver Island Substation**  
37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782

**Cheboygan County Sheriff Department**  
870 S. Main Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

**Cheboygan Department of Public Safety - Cheboygan City Hall**  
403 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721

**City of Charlevoix Police Department**  
210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

**City of St. Ignace Police Department**  
396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

**East Jordan Police Department**  
326 Main Street, East Jordan, MI 49727

**Elk Rapids Police Department**  
321 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, MI 49629

**Emmet County Sheriff - Jeffery P. Bodzick Administrative Office and Correctional Facility (Jail Entrance)**  
450 Bay Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

**Emmet County Sheriff - Richard L. Zink Law Enforcement Center**  
3460 Harbor-Petoskey Road (M-119), Harbor Springs, MI 49740

**Grand Traverse County Sheriff/Traverse City Police Department**  
851 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686

**Harbor Springs Police Department**  
170 Zoll Street, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Police Department**  
911 Spring Street, Lower Level, Petoskey, MI 49770

**Mackinac County Sheriff’s Office**  
100 South Marley Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

**Mackinaw City Police Department - Village Hall**  
102 S. Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City, MI 49701

**Petoskey Department of Public Safety - Front Lobby of City Hall**  
101 East Lake Street, Petoskey, MI 49770

**Petoskey Department of Public Safety - Public Safety Station West (Bay Harbor)**  
3625 Charlevoix Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770

**Tuscarora Township Police Department**  
3546 Sturgeon Avenue, Indian River, MI 49749

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**What To Do With UNUSED MEDICATIONS**

**An Unexpected Decision**

Death is never easy to deal with, especially when someone close to you has died. When someone dies, whether following a period of illness or completely unexpected, there are many decisions to make and practical arrangements that you need to put in place. One of the inevitable tasks is sorting through personal belongings of the deceased. During this process, you may come across some personal possessions that you’re not sure what to do with such as unused medications which are no longer required.

**Keeping your family safe and our waters clean!**

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Prompt DISPOSAL Is Important

When someone dies it is important that their medicines are disposed of safely and in a timely manner.

Not getting rid of medications can leave them accessible to people who should not have them. Unfortunately, medications are stolen frequently and find their way into the hands of those who will abuse them. More people are dying from abusing prescription drugs than ever before.

Keeping medicines after they are no longer needed also creates an unnecessary health risk in the home, especially in homes where there are children present. Even child resistant containers cannot completely prevent a child from taking medicines that belong to someone else. In a study that looked at cases of accidental child exposure to a grandparent’s medicine, 45% of cases involved medicines stored in child-resistant containers.

Proper DISPOSAL Is Important

Not only is it important to get rid of leftover medications in a timely manner, they must be disposed of properly.

DO NOT Flush or Pour
Disposing of medications in the toilet or sink can cause contamination in our aquatic environment because wastewater treatment systems, including septic tanks, are not designed to remove many of these medications. Flushing or pouring medications down the drain may be harmful to fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

DO NOT Throw Out
Throwing medications away in the garbage may be dangerous since they can end up in the mouths of children and household pets. Additionally, there is a growing danger from “dumpster divers” who look for old pills and pill containers then steal the private information that’s printed on the label.

DO NOT Give Them Away
Giving medicine to friends or family is not only potentially illegal, but a drug that works for you could be dangerous for someone else. A small number of medicines may be especially harmful, and in some cases are fatal with just one dose.

Properly Dispose of Unwanted Medications – Put Your Pills in the POD!

The best solution is to dispose of leftover medications through Northern Michigan’s Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Drop-off (POD) Program. The POD Program offers a safe, free, and environmentally sound way for residents to properly dispose of medications. The POD Program offers community collection events as well as permanent drop-off boxes at law enforcement offices throughout Northern Michigan. By using the POD Program and properly disposing of leftover medications, you will help us keep our rivers and drinking water clean and our communities and families safe.

For more information on the POD Program and Additional Drop-off Locations, visit: www.PillsInThePOD.com