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 Woodmire 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

Keeping your family safe and our waters clean!

Medications in your home can leave them accessible to people who should not have them. Whether in your medicine cabinet or casually thrown in the trash, young children, teens, and even pets can get a hold of them. On top of this, our water supplies are growing ever more contaminated with medications. Given these risks, it’s important that parents take steps to properly dispose of medication and put your pills in the POD!
Protect Your CHILD

Failure to dispose of expired or unused prescription medications may result in the medications falling into the wrong hands.

- One in five teenagers has abused a prescription painkiller obtained from their parents’ or grandparents’ medicine cabinet.
- Approximately 60 percent of people who abuse prescription painkillers indicate that they obtained the prescription drugs from friends or relatives for free, often taking the drugs without permission.

Tossing the medications into the trash gives kids, grandkids, and pets the opportunity to get at them, and a wastebasket is a likely place for family drug abusers to check after they’ve looked in the medicine cabinet.

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.

Protect Our WATERS

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. Humans can also be exposed to these chemicals when they drink water drawn from contaminated bodies of water or eat wild game or fish.

DO NOT Throw Out
Medication that is thrown in the trash will eventually end up in a landfill, which only delays the pharmaceutical chemicals from reaching groundwater or rivers and lakes. Leachate from landfills, containing medicines, is collected and piped or trucked to wastewater treatment plants before it is discharged into nearby rivers and lakes.

For more information on the POD Program and Drop-off locations near you, visit:
www.PillsInThePOD.com