

Lake County Pharmaceutical Drug Collection and Disposal Program

Items that can be disposed of in this collection bin:

- Unused or expired medications
- Prescriptions & non-prescription pills, syrups, creams
- Pain medications & mood altering drugs
- Pain relievers, cold & flu, vitamins
- Pet medications

Note: Remove or black out personal information on pharmacy label, otherwise leave in the original package/container.



Pharmaceutical Drugs Only. NO needles, NO syringes, NO mail



Convenient drop off locations & hours

Eastlake Police Department
35150 Lakeshore Blvd.
Eastlake

Madison Township Police Department
2065 Hubbard Rd.
Madison

Mentor Police Department
8500 Civic Center Blvd.
Mentor

Lake County Sheriff's Office
104 East Erie St.
Painesville

Willoughby Police Department
36700 Euclid Ave.
Willoughby

Willoughby Hills Police Department
35405 Chardon Rd.
Willoughby Hills

Lakeland Community College Police Department
7700 Clocktower Dr., Building A, Lower Level
Kirtland

Questions?

Contact the Health District at
(440) 350-2543 or
www.lcghd.org

HOURS FOR ALL LOCATIONS:

Monday-Friday: 7:00AM-8:00PM

Saturday: 9:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday: 1:00-5:00PM

Note: NO Sunday hours at Lakeland



The two major reasons for the disposal of pharmaceuticals in the Lake County collection bins:

Environmental Concerns and Public Safety



Environmental Concerns

- Both prescription and non-prescription drugs are being found in our rivers, streams and ground water.
- These drugs are considered to be “emerging contaminants of concern” partly due to the harmful effects that low concentrations are already having on the fish population.
- Our existing waste water treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to remove these contaminants.
- A certain amount of these contaminants can be reduced when the bins are used instead of flushing unwanted drugs down the toilet or putting them in the trash.

Public Safety Concerns

- Nearly 7 million Americans are abusing controlled prescription drugs – more than the number abusing cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens, Ecstasy & inhalants combined.*
- Prescription pain relievers are the new drug users’ drug of choice vs. marijuana or cocaine.*
- Opioid painkillers now cause more drug overdose deaths than cocaine and heroin combined.*
- Nearly 1 in 10 high school seniors admits to abusing prescription painkillers.*
- Removing prescription painkillers from the medicine cabinet will help to reduce the chances of drug abuse and accidental misuse.

*Statistics provided by the US Drug Enforcement Administration

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All pharmaceutical drugs collected in these bins will be destroyed by incineration.

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