

The Prescription Drug Disposal Initiative is a collaborative effort between the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Maryland State Police and local law enforcement in partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration. It is designed to assist residents by providing a safe and convenient way to dispose of potentially dangerous controlled substances or other unused and expired pharmaceuticals.

The Carroll County Overdose Prevention Workgroup has also partnered with the above mentioned law enforcement agencies and developed a Local Overdose Prevention Plan. For additional information and educational materials, please contact the local health department at 410-876-4800 and ask for the Prevention Office. The Prevention Office is prepared to speak, provide information on current trends, warning signs to look for and up to date information on keeping our community safe. They welcome the opportunity to present to your school, organization, church or civic group.

Information in this publication is provided by the Carroll County Overdose Prevention Workgroup

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL INITIATIVE



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Do you know the impact unused or expired medications, either prescribed or over the counter, can have on the environment?

- Medicine that is poured down a drain or flushed ends up in waterways and drinking water.
- Wastewater treatment plants cannot remove the chemicals.
- Even those thrown in the trash can leach into water supplies.
- In recent years, studies have found antibiotics, hormones, antidepressants and pain relievers in waterways across the nation.
- The risks of such chemicals in our waterways and drinking water include damage to unborn children, dangerous mutations in wildlife and the development of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria.

What can I do?

By properly disposing of unused, unwanted or expired prescriptions or over the counter medicines, you are helping to preserve our environment along with helping to reduce unauthorized use of these items. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), prescription drugs can be a gateway drug to Heroin use, with an estimated 1 in 15 abusers of prescription pain relievers projected to try heroin sometime in the next ten years.

The Prescription Drug Disposal Initiative provides the public with an environmentally safe alternative to disposing of medications in area landfill or sewer systems while reducing the opportunity for unauthorized access to dangerous and addictive medications through accidental contact or deliberate abuse. The medications are removed by Sheriff's Office Crime Scene technicians from secure collection boxes located in various law enforcement offices in the County. Any unwanted or expired medication, both prescription and over the counter, in tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder or patch form will be accepted. Syringes, needles, thermometers, bandages, gauze pads, sun block, lipstick, deodorant, non-prescription skin crème and similar products will **not** be accepted. Loose pills or tablets as well as any liquid medication must be placed into a sealed plastic bag prior to dropping into a collection box.



Locations of secure drop boxes:

GREENMOUNT/HAMPSTEAD

Carroll County Sheriff's Office-Greenmount Satellite
2255 Hanover Pike
Hampstead, MD 21074
410-386-2464

MANCHESTER

Manchester Police Department
3215 S. Long Drive
Manchester, MD 21102
410-239-6900

SYKESVILLE

Sykesville Police Department
7547 Main Street
Sykesville, MD 21784
410-795-0757

South Carroll Law Enforcement Satellite Office
1532 Liberty Road
Eldersburg, MD 21784
410-386-2900

TANEYTOWN

Taneytown Police Department
120 E. Baltimore Street
Taneytown, MD 21787
410-751-1150

WESTMINSTER

Maryland State Police Barracks
1100 Baltimore Blvd
Westminster, MD 21157
410-386-3000 (drop box available 24/7)

Westminster Police Department
36 Locust Street
Westminster, MD 21157
410-848-4646

Carroll County Sheriff's Office
Main Lobby – 100 N. Court St
Westminster, MD 21157
410-386-2900 (drop box available 24/7)