To prevent abuse store your medications in a location inaccessible to them and, if you have leftover, unwanted, or expired medications, dispose of them properly.

Most teenagers who abuse prescription drugs get them for free from a friend or relative.

Safely dispose of unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by taking them to a participating pharmacy.

Items accepted include:
- Cold and flu medications
- Antibiotics/steroids
- Medication samples
- Non-controlled prescription medications
- Vitamins/herbal supplements
- Pet medications
- Medicated ointments/lotions

Narcotic pain killers and prescribed, controlled medications (e.g. Codeine, Ritalin, Xanax, Ambien, Vicodin, etc.) must be taken to a local law enforcement agency.

Certain restrictions may apply at any of the drop off locations. Call the drop site you plan to use for more information on what items are accepted.

For a list of participating pharmacies and law enforcement drop boxes, go to [www.wmtakebackmeds.org](http://www.wmtakebackmeds.org)
Disposal Instructions

1. Bring pills and liquids in their original containers to any participating pharmacy.
2. Block out ALL identifying personal information on the prescription label.
3. Do not remove the name of the medication.
4. The pharmacist must be able to see the medication type so he/she can properly sort and dispose of it.

Law Enforcement Drop Box Locations

- Allegan County Sheriff's Department
  112 Walnut Street
  Allegan, 49010
  269-673-0500

- Kent County Sheriff's Department
  701 Ball Ave NE
  Grand Rapids, 49503
  616-632-6200

- Kent County Sheriff's Department South
  8557 Kalamazoo SE
  Caledonia, 49316
  616-632-6490

- Kent County Sheriff's Department North
  790 Seventeen Mile Rd
  Kent City, 49330
  616-632-6020

- Muskegon County Sheriff’s Department Road Patrol Offices
  1611 Oak Avenue
  Muskegon, 49442
  231-724-6259

- Muskegon County Sheriff’s Department Records Office
  25 W. Walton
  Muskegon, 49440
  231-724-6351

- Barry County Sheriff’s Department
  1212 W. State St.
  Hastings, 49058
  269-948-4805

Local (city) police departments may also have drop boxes for controlled substances (narcotics).
Check the website for a complete list of participating agencies.

The West Michigan Take Back Meds Program is a joint effort between local pharmacies, law enforcement, wastewater treatment facilities, and government agencies to provide residents with safe, convenient access to proper medicine disposal.

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