The average senior citizen takes four prescribed medications per day not counting vitamins and other over-the-counter medications. If you have leftover, unwanted, or expired medications of any kind, dispose of them properly to protect the environment and prevent unintentional poisonings or abuse.

Safely dispose of unwanted or expired over-the-counter and prescription medications by taking them to a pharmacy participating in the West Michigan Take Back Meds program.

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
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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