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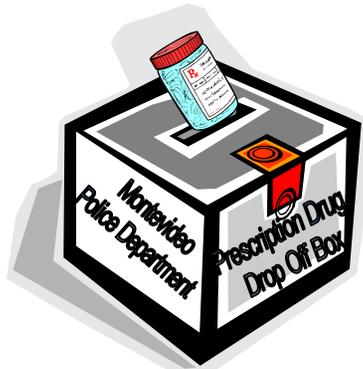
Keep the medication in its original container.

2.



Leave the name of the drug and other content information clearly visible. Remove the name and other identifying information by scratching the person's name out, covering with a permanent marker, or by cutting that part of the label off.

3.



Drop medication into the disposal box opening.

For more information

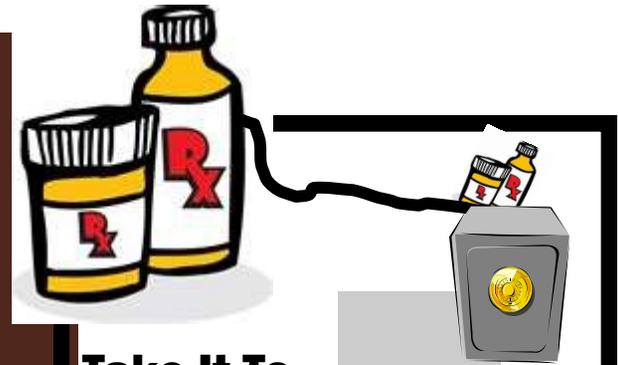
CALL  
Dispatch 320-269-8808 or  
Admin 320-269-9402  
Montevideo Police Department

AVAILABLE for ALL  
Chippewa County  
Residents.

GO to the Main Lobby at  
the Montevideo Police  
Department; 103 Canton  
Ave.; Montevideo, MN  
56265

DROP the unneeded and/  
or expired medications in  
the drop box. Ask for an  
officer if you need  
assistance.

Thank You  
for caring.



Take It To

**THE BOX**

Safe Disposal

Prescription &  
Over the Counter  
Disposal Drop Box

Sponsored by:  
Montevideo Police Department  
Chippewa County Sheriff's Department  
Chippewa County Land & Resource Mgmt.

A caring community taking  
action to protect public health,  
improve public safety &  
preserve the environment.



## Take It To The Box

The **Take it to the Box** program promotes the safe disposal of unneeded and/or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. This includes both **human** and **animal** medications along with **illegal drugs**.

**Needles are not accepted.**



## Preventing Medication Misuse and Abuse and Protecting our Environment

A growing concern in our community is the abuse, by youth and others, of medications not prescribed to them. Talk with your children about the dangers of drug use. Safe disposal makes medicines less available.

Proper disposal of medication helps protect our environment also. Wastewater treatment cannot remove most medications. The United States Geological Survey found 40 different pharmaceuticals in sampled wastewater. Reduce negative impacts to the environment by using the drop box.

## Location, Times and Drop Box Rules

**Location:** Montevideo Police Department, Lobby at City Hall, located at 103 Canton Ave., Montevideo, MN.

**Times:** Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Rules:

**YES** Only deposit unneeded and/or expired prescriptions, over-the-counter medication for both humans and animals and illegal drugs.

**NO** radioactive chemo drugs or IV bags

**NO** needles or syringes

**NO** garbage or trash

## Safe Storage and Safety Tips

Here are some suggestions that can help keep you and your family safe from accidental overdose or poisoning:

- ◆ Always store medications in the original containers.
- ◆ Always store medications separately for family members. This will make it less likely that you take the wrong ones by mistake.
- ◆ Never keep medications past their expiration date.
- ◆ Never guess on how much medicine to take. **READ THE LABEL** before you open the bottle and again before you take or give the medicine to ensure the right dosage is taken.
- ◆ Never let young children take medicine by themselves and avoid calling medicine candy.
- ◆ Don't store medications in areas that are hot and humid, such as the bathroom medicine cabinet.
- ◆ Remove the cotton plug from medication bottles...it attracts harmful moisture.
- ◆ If a medication is required to be stored in the refrigerator, be careful not to store it in the freezer or expose it to extreme moisture.

## Web Resources

[www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com)

[www.OTCsafety.org](http://www.OTCsafety.org)

[www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com](http://www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com)

[www.Drugabuse.gov](http://www.Drugabuse.gov)

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov>

[www.search.Earth911.com](http://www.search.Earth911.com)