

Please

PROPERLY DISPOSE

of your medications.



This is Joe. Joe is done taking the meds prescribed by his doctor, but he has some left. What can Joe do? 



No, Joe! Dumping meds down the toilet or in the sink affects our drinking and ground water.



No, Joe! Throwing meds in the trash makes them accessible to others, and that can be dangerous.



No, Joe! Giving or selling your prescribed meds to someone else is illegal.

MED DROP



Yes, Joe! Find a participating pharmacy or public office to drop your meds safely and anonymously. (See reverse for locations.)

October 26th is National Medication Drug Take-Back Day. For locations participating in the prescription Medication Take Back Event, please go to michigan-open.org.

Be like Joe in other ways!



Talk with your teens about the risks of misusing medications. Ottawa County youth start misusing prescription medications as early as age 14. Not sure where to start? Visit www.talksooner.org for help!

You will find:

- conversation starters
- signs of drug use
- emerging drug trends
- community events



Keep your meds in a locked location (i.e. cabinet or box).

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DROP MEDS HERE

Permanent Medication Drop Off Locations

Hours vary by location.

Public Office Drop-off

- Coopersville City Hall
- Grand Haven Charter Township Hall
- Grand Haven Police Department
- GVSU Department of Public Safety
- Holland Department of Public Health
- Holland Police Department
- Hudsonville City Hall
- Hudsonville Department of Public Health
- Ottawa County Sheriff
- Spring Lake: Ottawa County Sheriff
- Zeeland Police Department

Pharmacy Drop-off

- CVS-Holland (Lakewood and River)
- Family Fare-Wyoming
- Meijer (locations throughout the county)
- Walgreens-Holland (Butternut)

For information about each of these locations, visit www.miottawa.org/substanceuse



How To Safely Dispose Of Sharps

Free home-use medical sharps containers are available to residents at any Ottawa County Department of Public Health office. Once containers are full, you may exchange them for new ones at our offices. Only sharps containers provided by the Ottawa County Department of Public Health will be accepted. We dispose of full containers through a licensed medical waste disposal company to reduce any health or safety risks.

Call (616) 396-5266 for more information.