



# PROPER RECYCLING MEDICATIONS & PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A Guide to doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties.

Medicines play an important role in treating many conditions and diseases, but when they are no longer needed it's important to dispose of them properly to avoid harm to others and the environment.

## How does the Proper Disposal of Medications Protect Me and the Environment?

- Avoids health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well.
- Prevents poisoning of children and pets.
- Keeps medicines from entering waterways when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.
- Deters intentional misuse.

## What Options do I have?

Medicine take-back programs for disposal are a good way to remove expired, unwanted, or unused medicines from the home and reduce the chance that others may accidentally take the medicine. You can talk to your pharmacist to see if he or she knows of other medicine disposal programs in your area or visit the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's website for information on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Events.

The PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs website also provides a searchable database to help Pennsylvania residents locate a medication drop box.

## How should I prepare my Medications?

All pharmaceutical drugs that are being disposed of need to be in a sealed container such as the original bottle or a zip-lock bag. They may not be disposed of loosely. Liquid pharmaceuticals should remain in the original container.

Personal information should be removed or blotted out with a permanent marker.

## What types of Medications and Drugs can I take to a Drop-off Location?

Prescription and over-the-counter solid medications, tablets and capsules, liquid medications, inhalers, creams, ointments, nasal sprays, and pet medicines.\*

<https://lawrencecountypa.gov/departments/recycling-and-solid-waste>

[www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling](http://www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling)

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## MERCER COUNTY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Care-Fill Pharmacy <b>Greenville</b> (724) 588-1111	Giant Eagle <b>Greenville &amp; Hermitage</b> (724) 588-1381 and (724) 981-0271	West Salem Police Dept. <b>Greenville</b> (724) 588-4190	Boro Police Dept <b>Grove City</b> (724) 458-7925
Medical Center <b>Grove City</b> (724) 450-7000	Hermitage Police Dept. (724) 981-6780	Jamestown Pharmacy (724) 932-5355	Sheriff's Office <b>Mercer County</b> (724) 662-3800
Mercer Pharmacy (724) 662-1414	The Medicine Shoppe <b>Greenville</b> (724) 588-3875	The Medicine Shoppe <b>Hermitage</b> (724) 983-8451	The Medicine Shoppe <b>Mercer</b> (724) 662-2240
RX Xpress Pharmacy (724) 458-8420	Sharon Pharmacy (724) 347-7000	State Police <b>Troop D/Mercer</b> (724) 662-6162	Reynolds (SBW) Pharmacy (724) 646-1131

## LAWRENCE COUNTY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

CVS <b>Wilmington Rd</b> (724) 656-9185	Giant Eagle <b>Wilmington Rd</b> (724) 652-3706	Dist. Atty's Office <b>Lawrence County</b> (724) 656-1916	Hyde Drug Store <b>New Castle</b> (724) 652-1451
Police Dept. <b>Neshannock Township</b> 724-658-5631		State Police <b>Troop D/New Castle</b> (724) 598-2211	

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### What Items are NOT Accepted at Drop-off Locations?

Intravenous solutions, injectables and needles.\*

There will be differences between the locations. For example, some locations will not accept liquids. Others may not accept lotions, creams, or inhalers/aerosols.

**Make sure to check with your drop off location to verify what they will and will not accept.**

Each take-back location has the right to determine what items they will accept in their box.

#### Sources:

Pennsylvania Dept of Drug and Alcohol Programs  
United States Dept of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration  
United States Environmental Protection Agency

Disclaimer: This list changes frequently, is not all-inclusive and is included only as a starting resource for you.

The Lawrence-Mercer Recycling/Solid Waste Dept. does not endorse, promote, or recommend any recyclers listed here and further encourages you to contact the location you want to use to verify they still accept material.

These sites were verified in 2024.

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