

How should I dispose of prescriptions, pills, and other medication? (Updated 11/22/11)

As more and more people are prescribed medication, the concern is growing as the need for safe disposal increases. Experts have expressed concerns about trace amounts of medications entering local waterways potentially harming fish and other wildlife; escaping water treatment plants untreated; and ending up in the hands of drug abusers. People are now discouraged from flushing any drugs down the toilet. Instead, residents should seek proper disposal facilities or collection events.

In response to successful collection events, the Bowling Green Police Division and the Wood County Sheriff's Office are partnering with the Wood County Hospital and the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to provide permanent drug drop-off collection boxes. Please Note: The following cannot be accepted at these locations: liquids; plastics; glass; bio-hazards; radioactive waste; syringes; drug paraphernalia or other medical waste.

LOCATIONS

**Bowling Green Police Division
175 West Wooster Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402**

**Wood County Sheriff's Office
East Gypsy Lane Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402**

Residents may also take medication to Environmental Recycling, located at 527 E. Woodland Circle, Bowling Green, to be properly disposed of. This business charges a fee for disposal, so you may want to call first for rates. The contact number is 800-284-9107.