

**Police Department Drop-Off sites**

The police are permitted by the DEA to accept all medications, including narcotics.

**Drop-Off Locations (Police)**

**Crest Hill Police Department**  
1610 Plainfield Road  
815-741-5115

**Joliet Police Department**  
150 W Washington St  
815-726-2491

**Lemont Police Department**  
14600 127st (near Archer)  
630-257-2229 x2478

**Lockport Police Department**  
1212 Farrell Road  
815-838-2132

**Mokena Police Department**  
10907 Front Street  
708-479-3912

**New Lenox Police Department**  
200 Veterans Parkway  
815-462-6100

**Peotone Police Department**  
208 E. Main Street  
708-258-3003

**Plainfield Police Department**  
14300 S. Coil Plus Drive  
815-436-6544



**Drop-Off Locations**

**One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events**  
(Call or visit the website for event info)  
815-727-8834  
www.willcountygreen.com  
View the Calendar of Events: We offer events in the Spring and Fall each year



**Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Sites**

**Naperville Regional HHW Site**  
180 Fort Hill Drive, Naperville, IL  
Please do not call directly  
Hours: Saturday & Sunday, 9am-2pm

**Chicago HHW & Electronics Site**  
1150 N North Branch Street, Chicago  
312-744-5026  
Hours: Tuesdays 7am-12 noon  
Thursdays 2pm—7pm

**Protect Personal Information but keep the name of the medication visible.**  
The label of a prescription bottle shows personal data, such as your name, your doctor's name, the type of medication, the number of refills allowed and the date of the current refill. In the wrong hands, this data could be harmful to you or a drug abuser. Therefore it is always important for you to black out your personal data on the label before disposing of the product in any manner.  
**Use a permanent black marker**

**Participating Pharmacies**

**BOLINGBROOK**

**Bolingbrook Pharmacy**  
402 W. Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, IL  
630-759-8900  
Mon-Fri: 9:00am-6pm & Sat: 9am-2pm

**JOLIET**

**Basinger's Marycrest Pharmacy**  
2130 W. Jefferson, Joliet, IL  
815-725-1102  
Hours: 7 Days a week, 8:30am—9:00pm

**Basinger's Madison Pharmacy**  
330 Madison Street, Joliet, IL  
815-725-1102  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 9am-5pm  
& Wed: 9am-1pm

**Basinger's Primary Care Pharmacy**  
2025 S. Chicago Street, Joliet, IL  
815-723-0300  
Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm & Sat: 9am-1pm

**J.D. Brown**  
837 Plainfield Road, Joliet, IL  
815-723-0611  
Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 9am-5:30pm  
Wed: 9am-5pm & Sat: 9am-3pm

**Remco Medical**  
692 Theodore Street, Joliet, IL  
815-744-4600 (call anytime for store hours)  
Mon-Fri: 8:30am-6pm  
Sat: 8:30am-1pm



**Medication Take-Back**



**Will County**

**In partnership with:**

- Illinois EPA**
- Basinger's Pharmacy**
- Bolingbrook Pharmacy**
- J.D. Brown**
- Remco Medical**
- and eight local Police Depts.**

**Serving the Environmental Needs of the Will County**



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## Will County Medication Take-Back Program

This program protects Will County water resources, while reducing the materials going to local landfills. Each year thousands of tons of pharmaceuticals and personal care products enter the waste stream. Several United States Geological Survey studies over the past 7 years have found that many pharmaceuticals are surviving water treatment facilities and making their way into drinking water. The very medications that help people may be a concern to aquatic life.



The EPA has asked everyone to **cease** “flushing” unwanted medications down the drain. The federal government is encouraging people to locate pharmaceutical take-back programs for disposal of unwanted medications.

Will County, in cooperation with the Illinois EPA and local pharmacies began the area’s first permanent Medication Take-Back Program in 2007. This pilot program expanded to include local police departments in 2008 and has contributed to State-wide legislation to protect waterways and fund disposal.

Will County shall continue to offer One-Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events which have always accepted medications. Please share this information with friends, neighbors and family members to protect our fishing, recreational and drinking water resources.

### Drop-Off Instructions

- ⊗ Bring only residentially generated medication items. No medications from businesses or doctor’s offices can be taken.
- ⊗ Use a permanent marker to black out your name or personal information on the label.
- ⊗ Take medications to a pharmacy or police department collection site during drop-off operation hours **ONLY**.
- ⊗ Please follow directions at the drop-off site. Only give medications to the pharmacy or drop-off site personnel.
- ⊗ This is not a share or reuse program. All medications received will be destroyed in the most environmentally sound manner possible.

### Needles / Sharps Info

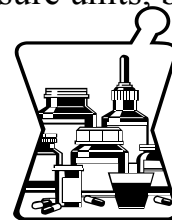
It is currently permissible to discard these with regular garbage using a rigid container (such as a milk jug, coffee container or laundry bottle) sealed with duct tape. Residents may also use a bio-hazard container and pay for bio-hazard disposal service through several companies. Occasionally a doctor's office, hospital or other medical provider will offer disposal service to their clients.

**NEVER** put **NEEDLES** in the Medication Take-Back!

### Items Accepted

(Expired or Unwanted)

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Medicated Ointments
- Medicated Shampoos
- Liquids Containing Medications
- Prescription Inhalers
- Over-the-Counter Inhalers
- Glass Thermometers (contain mercury)
- Medical devices containing mercury (blood pressure units, barometers, etc.)



### Items NOT Accepted

- DEA Controlled Substances\*:
  - Narcotic Medications
  - Illegal Drugs
- Bio-Hazardous Materials
- Sharps / Needles (see info below)
- Radioactive Materials
- Other Household Wastes

*\*The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency defines DEA Controlled Substances under the 1970 Controlled Substances Act. They are medications categorized by “schedules” based on their potential for abuse or addiction. The schedules cover opiates, hallucinogens and prescriptions containing narcotics or amphetamines.*



### Accidental Misuse

*If you accidentally repeat a dosage, take an expired medication or otherwise misuse your medication, call the **Poison Control Center** at **800-222-1222***

**Pharmacies cannot accept all medications but Police Departments take everything.**

Many local law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with Will County, offer collection of all medications including DEA controlled substances.

We list several that are partners in our program in this brochure. Please contact your local police department to learn if they offer this valuable home safety service.

### Sponsor

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