

Take It To The Box Safe Prescription Medication Disposal

What is it?



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office and the Marshall Area Sheriff's Office are serious about preventing medication abuse and the misuse of controlled substances.

- The **Take It To The Box** program promotes the safe disposal of unneeded medications.
- A growing concern in our communities is the abuse, by youth and others, of medications not prescribed to them.
- This program remains ongoing, in which a permanent prescription drop box has been securely installed in the community.
- There is no charge to individuals dropping off medications.

How do I use this program?

1. Keep the medication in its original container.
2. Leave the name of the drug and other content information clearly visible. Remove the individuals' identifying information.
3. Take the unneeded prescription to the **Lyon County Law Enforcement Center** located at 611 West Main Street.
4. Drop the unneeded and/or expired medications into the drop box. No questions asked.

- **DO NOT** flush medications down the toilet.
- Ask an officer if you need assistance by calling (507) 537-7000.

I know someone who has a large amount of unneeded medication but is unable to bring it in for disposal.

Yes. If needed, friends or family members may bring medication to The Box for someone else. Please call for more information.

What happens to the medications dropped into The Box?

The Box will be emptied as needed. Contents are stored in secured locations. Periodically, law enforcement

How do I obtain additional Information?

- Call (507) 537-7000 and ask to speak with;
- Marshall Police Sergeant, or
- Lyon County Sheriff's Office Investigator Steven Louwagie.

Additional Web Resources:



www.TheAntiDrug.com

- www.OTCsafety.org
- www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com
- www.Drugabuse.gov
- <http://teens.drugabuse.gov>

Guidelines for Medication Use, Storage and Disposal Safe Use

- Read and follow directions on all medications.
- Take the recommended dose...not more...not less.
- Take the medicine the number of times and the frequency recommended.
- Do not share your prescription medicines with another person.
- Do not take someone else's prescription medicine.
- Know the names of your medications and their purpose.
- Pharmacists and doctors can answer your questions about over the counter medicines...just ask!

Safe Storage

- Keep medicines in a place away from children, teens and guests. Lock up medicines if necessary.
- Keep medicines in their original bottle or package.
- Keep medicines in a cool, dry place away from light.
- Follow storage directions on the medicine.