

## For more information

### Call:

Ashland County Sheriff's Department  
(715) 685-7640  
Ashland Police Department  
(715) 682-7062  
Bayfield County Sheriff's Department  
(715) 373-6300  
Park Falls Police Department  
(715) 762-2446  
Phillips Police Department  
(715) 339-3847  
Price County Sheriff's Department  
(715) 339-3011



## Collection Sites, locations and times

**Ashland Police Department**  
601 Main Street, Ashland  
24 hours a day, every day

**Bayfield County Sheriff's Department**  
615 Second Avenue East  
Washburn, M -F 8:00 - 4:00

**Park Falls Police Department**  
400 4th Avenue South, Park Falls  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

**Price County Sheriff's Department**  
164 Cherry Street, Phillips  
24 hours a day, every day



## Medication Collection

**A prescription for clean  
water & safe kids**

Reduce pollution

Prevent childhood poisonings

Reduce substance abuse



## Why should I care?

The three main hazards to improperly disposing of medications are:

### Contamination of water resources

Wastewater treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly in our lakes, rivers and **drinking water**.

Various levels of antibiotics, antidepressants, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States. Medications found in waterways can lead to reproductive and developmental problems for fish and other aquatic wildlife.

### Accidental childhood poisoning

Medications often look like candy and children are curious about them. Improper storage or throwing medication in the trash provides easy access for children and pets.

### Substance abuse

Children, teens and adults are abusing some prescription and over-the-counter drugs to get high. Many individuals who wouldn't otherwise use illicit drugs might abuse prescription drugs because these drugs are so readily available and believed to be a safer way to get high.

## Unwanted/Unused Medication Collection

Please keep medications in the original package or bottle, if possible. You CAN cross off the patient's name and address, but DO NOT cover up or remove the name of the medicine.

Bring all unwanted medications to the collection site nearest you; you do not have to use the site in your county. You will not have to provide your name.

The items collected will be safely disposed of in a hazardous waste facility. **There is no cost to participate.**



### You Can Bring:

- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Ointments
- Sprays
- Liquid medications
- Patch medications
- Vials
- Pet medications

### Do NOT Bring:

- Mercury
- Inhalers
- Biohazardous materials
- Needles/sharps
- Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste (paint, oil, pesticides, etc.)

## Disposal Do's & Don'ts

### DO:

Reduce medication waste whenever possible:

- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used in the immediate future.

Dispose of the remainder properly:

- Utilize location medication collection programs like this one to dispose of your unused medications and over-the-counter drugs.

**Remember to keep medications locked up and out of the reach of children.**

### DON'T:

- Flush unwanted medications down the toilet or sink drain.
- Burn medications or personal care products.
- Throw unaltered medications directly into the trash.