



While medications and legally purchased and prescribed drugs help our quality of life, when they become old or unneeded, just throwing them away or flushing them down a toilet can cause problems for our water, our environment, and our way of life.

## *How do you dispose of old medicines properly?*

### **Macomb County:**

- <http://macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/EH/MedicationDisposal.asp>

### **Southern Oakland County:**

- <http://www.socorra.org/waste.html>

### **Detroit / Wayne County:**

- the city still does not utilize an old medicines recovery program. But you can still go to your local pharmacy and ask if they have a take back program.

So, what can we do to dispose of old medications properly?

### **Pharmacies and Businesses:**

- some pharmacies, such as Meijers, have been real leaders in taking back old medications. See their website: [www.reduce misuse.org](http://www.reduce misuse.org)
- ☺ See if one in your neighborhood currently takes back outdated or unused medications.

In southeastern Michigan, it depends in part on where you live. Read on.

# *Old & Used Medicine Recovery*

**Remember, old medicines are still powerful substances. Keeping them out of our water, landfills, and environment can help us all.**

*Help keep southeastern Michigan a vibrant place for us and our children to live.*

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**So, if at all possible, turn in:**

- old antibiotics
- old aspirin and other analgesics
- unused prescription eye drops
- other unused prescription medications.

**Want more information? The Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society is here to help. The web site is: [www.detroitsection-acs.org](http://www.detroitsection-acs.org).**