

# Safely Dispose of Unwanted Medications & Sharps

## Unwanted medication?

Safely dispose of unwanted medication in drop boxes located at participating local police departments:

### Chesterton Police Department

790 Broadway  
Chesterton, IN 46304  
219-926-1136

### Hebron Police Department

106 East Sigler  
Hebron, IN 46347  
219-996-2747

### Portage Police Department

2693 Irving Street  
Portage, IN 46368  
219-762-3122

### Porter Police Department

50 Francis Street  
Porter, IN 46304  
219-926-7611

### Valparaiso Police Department

355 Washington  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
219-462-2135

### Porter Co. Sherriff's Department

2755 South State Rd 49  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
219-477-3000

We recommend against disposing of medication any other way than taking it to one of the locations listed above. If you absolutely **must** dispose of them by other means, follow these instructions to protect protect your family and the environment:

1. Dissolve tablets or capsules in the original container with a small amount of water. For liquid medications, add sawdust, kitty litter, or flour to the original container.
2. Remove labels from prescription bottles or completely mark out all patient information.
3. Put all lids back on the containers tightly and put them in a heavy-duty sealed bag to keep medications from leaking.
4. Put the sealed bag in your trash so that it is not visible to prevent unintended use or contact.

*\* Do not flush medicine down the sink or drain. Do not give or sell medicine to family and friends.*

## Unwanted syringes, pen needles, or sharps?

Sharp containers are available at most pharmacies. If unavailable to obtain one of these, you may also do the following:

- Place the sharp directly into a thick, plastic container  
(*Laundry detergent bottle, milk jug, or coffee container*)
- Replace the cap every time after disposing of a sharp and keep out of children's reach.
- When container is full, place the lid on container and duct tape it on.
- Write "SHARPS" in sharpie on the container and place it in the regular trash.

