

News Release:

The Town of Waterford Police Department, in conjunction with the Racine County Youth Coalition (RCYC) and with financial support from the Runzheimer Foundation has placed outside the police department a secure drop box for disposing of old medications and certain other items. This 24-hour service is for residents of all the communities in the area. There is no cost for using this service. There is no cost to the town for disposal since the Drug Enforcement Administration will take the items received without charge.

The law enforcement community and the RCYC are well aware that legally prescribed medications left unattended in home medicine cabinets, on counters or in cabinets are easy targets for youth as a means to get high. We know prescription medications are also stolen from grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends' families and others. This is especially dangerous for youth who often do not recognize the potential damage that could be caused by legal drugs, nor do they know the effects of different dosages. Not having these medications available to youth will certainly cut down on this type of illegal and dangerous drug use.

Medications and certain other items flushed down the toilet or taken to a dump do not just disappear. Everyone should be concerned about these things seeping into our drinking water.

The following items may be put into the drop box:

Prescriptions

Over-the-counter medications

Vitamins

Samples

Medications for pets

Medicated Ointments

Medicated Lotions

Liquid medications in glass or leak proof container

The following items ***MAY NOT*** be put into the drop box:

Needles (sharps)

Thermometers

Bloody or infectious waste

Medication from businesses or clinics

Hydrogen peroxide

Aerosol cans

Inhalers



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