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DRUG DROP BOX INSTALLED

The Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office has installed a drug drop box in the lobby located at 1025 South 9th Street. This new drug drop box was installed to help make drug disposal more convenient for residents and more efficient for law enforcement. The new drop box is available Monday through Friday between 8am and 4:30pm. When using this drop box or any other drop box or disposal event in Manitowoc County, make sure to follow the directions listed below.

There are two reasons for the collection and proper disposal of medications. First, removing these drugs from your house can reduce the likelihood of family or guests using the prescriptions in a way that leads to addiction, continued use of illicit drugs, and accidental poisoning or overdoses. Second, these drugs should not be placed in the trash or flushed down the toilet since they cannot be removed by landfills, sewage treatment plants, or septic systems and are released into our water supplies.

Since 2006, Manitowoc County has offered annual programs for medication disposal. What started out as a one-day collection event in 2006 has now grown into 3 permanent drug drop boxes and 3 annual take back events. Thanks to the efforts of the program supporters and participating residents, approximately 12,509 pounds of pills, patches, powders, and liquids have been collected since it started (not including the packaging).



When using this drug drop box, or any other drop box or drug collection event, it is very important to follow the guidelines. The guidelines are designed to keep the collections safe and efficient. Please check them before using since they are subject to change. The current guidelines are listed on page 2.

This program is supported through the Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Collaborative which includes: Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office - Metro Drug Unit, Manitowoc County Public Works Department - Recycling Center, Manitowoc County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Manitowoc County Public Health Department, Northeastern Wisconsin Area Health Education Center, Manitowoc City Police Department, Two Rivers Police Department, and Kiel Police Department.

For questions or more info call 683-4333 or visit the Drug Disposal section at www.manitowocrecycles.org.

Mission Statement

To provide materials recycling and recovery services to the citizens of Manitowoc County and to keep the public informed about recycling issues.



Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites

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2017 Drug Collections for Manitowoc County

DIRECTIONS:

Remove pills from original container and put them in a sealed “ziplock” style bag that is quart size or smaller before placing in the drug drop box. Empty pill containers may be placed in your home recycling or trash. **Liquid, powder, and cream medications should remain in original bottles with caps tightened.**

YES



DROP :

- Unused and/or expired medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Pet medications
- Controlled substances
- Supplements

NO



DO NOT DROP :

- Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets etc.)
- Chemical waste/mercury products
- Electronic glucose monitors
- Non-medical inhalers
- Personal care products (shampoo, etc.)
- Pill bottles or boxes

PERMANENT DROPBOX LOCATIONS:

Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9th St, Manitowoc, 8am-4:30pm M-F

Manitowoc City Police Dept: 910 Jay St, Manitowoc, 7:30am-4:30pm M-F

Two Rivers Police Dept: 1717 East Park St, Two Rivers, 8am-4:30pm M-F

DISPOSAL EVENTS:

Saturday, April 29th: 10am-2pm, Healthy Kids Day/Earth Day, YMCA, 205 Maritime Dr, Manitowoc

Thursday, Sept 14th: 2-5pm, Kiel Community Center, 510-3rd St, Kiel

Saturday, October 21st: 10am-3pm, Crime Prevention Day, Expo- Merchants Building, 4921 Expo Dr, Manitowoc

Prevent drug abuse, overdose, and help keep our water supply clean!

GUIDELINES:

- Accepted drugs include prescriptions, over the counter, pet medications, controlled substances, and supplements.
- Place all pills in a “ziplock” style bag that is quart size or less. Liquids, cremes, and powders can stay in their original container with caps tightened.
- Pill bottles and boxes are NOT accepted. Cross out your personal information and dispose of them at home.
- Needles, sharps, mercury devices, chemical waste, electronic glucose monitors, non-medical inhalers, and personal care products like shampoo and cosmetics will NOT be accepted.
- Do NOT bring medications to drug disposal events before or after the listed times.
- Households only. Businesses should call **920-683-4333** for disposal information.
- **Practice safe storage by keeping your medications in a secured location.**
- Practice reduction by consulting with your physician about your medication needs.
- Never share your prescriptions with another person.

For more information or questions please contact Manitowoc County Recycling Center at **920-683-4333** or visit www.manitowocrecycles.org/drugdisposalprogram.htm.

Sponsored by the Manitowoc Drug Disposal Collaborative.