Unused or expired medications are often flushed down a drain or end up in the wrong hands. Help protect our environment and the health of our community. Please dispose of your medications safely at these Drop Box locations.

**Drop Box Locations**

1. **New Port Richey Police Dept.**
   - Information: (727) 816-1131
   - Days: M-F 8-5
   - Address: 6739 Adams Street, New Port Richey

2. **Pasco Sheriff’s Office**
   - Location: West Operations Center
   - Information: (727) 847-5878
   - Days: M-F 8-5
   - Address: 7432 Little Road, New Port Richey

3. **Pasco Sheriff’s Office**
   - Location: 11530 Trinity Boulevard, Trinity
   - Information: (727) 372-5920
   - Days: M-F 8-5
   - Address: 11530 Trinity Boulevard, Trinity

4. **Pasco Detention Center**
   - Information: 727-847-5878
   - Days: 24/7
   - Address: 20101 Central Blvd, Land O’ Lakes

5. **Pasco Sheriff’s Office**
   - Location: 6740 S.R. 54
   - Information: (727) 844-7764
   - Days: M-F 9-5
   - Address: 36409 State Road 54, Dade City

6. **Dade City Police Dept.**
   - Information: (352) 521-1495
   - Days: 24/7
   - Address: 38042 Pasco Avenue, Dade City

7. **Wiregrass Mall Pasco Sheriff’s Office**
   - Information: (813) 994-3845
   - Days: W-Sa 10:30-9
   - Address: 28211 Paseo Drive, Wesley Chapel

**Drive In. Drop Off. Drive Away. No Questions.**

**ACCEPTED**
- Prescriptions
- Over the Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Veterinary Medications
- Ointments
- Lotions

**NOT ACCEPTED**
- Needles (Sharps)
- Liquids
- Thermometers
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
PERMANENT DROP-OFF SITES

EAST NAPLES
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
3319 Tamiami Trail East
Phone: (239) 774-4434
Mon. – Fri., 7:30am - 5pm
Zip Code: 34112

Mohamed County Medical Examiner
3838 Domestic Avenue
Phone: (239) 434-5020
Mon. – Fri., 9am - 4pm
Zip Code: 34104

NORTH NAPLES
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
776 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Phone: (239) 597-1607
Mon. – Fri., 8am - 5pm
Zip Code: 34108

WALGREENS
8900 Tamiami Trail N.
Phone: (239)-597-8196
Open daily 8am - 10pm
Zip Code: 34108

GOLDEN GATE
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
4707 Golden Gate Parkway
Phone: (239) 455-3121
Mon. – Fri., 8am - 5pm.
Zip Code: 34116

WALGREENS
15295 Collier Blvd.
Phone: (239)-352-7354
Open daily 8am - 10am
Zip code: 34119

EVERGLADES CITY
Everglades City Hall
102 Copeland Avenue
Phone: (239) 695-3781
Mon. – Fri., 8am - 5pm.
Zip Code: 34139

IMMOKALEE
Collier County Sheriff’s Office
112 South First Street
Phone: (239) 657-6168
Mon.—Fri., 7am to 7pm.;
Sat—Sun., 7am to 5pm.
Zip Code: 34142

Drug Free Collier
P.O. Box 770759
Naples, Florida 34107
Phone: (239) 302-6717   info@DrugFreeCollier.org

PROUD TO PARTNER WITH:
Resources

Crisis Center 211
Suicide Callers 800-273-8255
Poison Information Center 800-222-1222

For individuals with an addiction, join a 12 step support group:

Al-Anon/Alateen 881-9372
Alcoholics Anonymous 933-9123
Narcotics Anonymous 879-4357
Nar-Anon 1-888-947-8865

Local Programs:

ACTS 246-4899
The Centre 251-8437
DAAD 984-1818
Phoenix House 881-1000
Tampa Crossroads 238-8557
Turning Point of Tampa 800-387-3006
Gracepoint Book Club 272-2244
Suncoast Mental Health Councilors Assn.
Www.suncoastmhca.org
Bereavement Support

Compassionate Friends (813) 690-4448
NOPE (866) 612-NOPE

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What Are Opioids?

Opioids are derived from a drug made from the poppy plant. Hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab), Oxycodone (Percocet, OxyContin), Hydrocodone (Dilaudid) and Propoxyphene (Darvocet) are man-made opioids prescribed by doctors for pain. The chemical composition of man-made opioids mimic that of heroin. Like heroin, man-made opioids are highly addictive.

Know The Facts
- Because prescription drugs are prescribed by doctors, 4 in 10 teens believe that getting high on prescription medication is not dangerous
- 1 in 5 teens abuse prescription drugs
- Physical dependence to opioids develops quickly
- Most teens report access to prescription drugs from homes of family or friends medicine cabinet

General Signs of Drug Use
- Loss of interest in school, friends, and other activities
- Change of friends
- Money and valuables disappearing from the house
- Change in physical appearance
- Changes in behavior and personality
- Changes in school or job performance

Signs of Opioid Drug Use
- Missing medicine
- Twitching
- Sleepiness
- Loss of appetite
- Headaches
- Convulsions
- Irregular heartbeat and breathing

Signs of Overdose
Danger Signs to watch for:
- Slow breathing (less than ten breaths a minute is really serious trouble)
- Choking sounds or a gurgling/snoring noise
- Seizures
- Small, pinpoint pupils
- Being tired, nodding off, or passing out
- Dizziness, weakness and/or confusion
- Apathy (don’t care about anything)
- Cold and clammy skin
- Nausea or vomiting

Never Let Them Sleep It Off
- The 911 Good Samaritan Act lets you report a drug overdose to seek medical help without fear of criminal prosecution for drug possession
- Try to get your friend or loved one to respond—Call their name—Shake them—Try to wake them up
- If you can’t wake them, CALL 911 immediately

Protect Loved Ones
- Lock up prescription drugs and alcohol in your home
- Keep control of the medicine bottle, and supervise your children when they are taking medications
- Monitor the number of pills or level of medicine in the bottle
- Dispose of unwanted medication
- NEVER share your medications with anyone
- Talk to your kids about alcohol and prescription drug abuse. Learn how by visiting http://medicineabuseproject.org

Needle-collection programs exist in many Florida counties. These programs will help you in disposing of needles, syringes with needles, and lancets that have been used by you or a family member in the treatment at home of an allergy, acute illness, or chronic disease such as diabetes. For more information, please call 813-307-8059 or go online to: http://hillsborough.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/environmental-health/biomedical-waste/index.html for a list of disposal sites. Please do not place any needles, lancets or syringes with needles in the Prescription Drug Take Back Boxes.
Do your part for a safe community and a safe environment!

SECURE MONITOR DISPOSE

- **SECURE** pills, preferably in a locked cabinet. *Reduce drug abuse, curb theft, and prevent overdose and accidental poisoning.*
- **MONITOR** pills, keep track of refills, and control access. *Many people who abuse prescriptions get them from family and friends.*
- **DISPOSE** of unused medications at the permanent disposal sites (see back). *Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash is hazardous to humans, animals and the environment.*
- **TAKE** only medications prescribed to you, as directed by your physician. *Sharing or selling a prescription is a crime.*
- **TALK** to your teens about the dangers of abusing prescription drugs.
- **CONTAIN** all medications in their original bottle. *Transporting loose pills is a crime.*
Bring your unused medications to these locations for disposal.

**RX Drug Disposal Sites**

**Manatee County Sheriff’s Office**
- 600 301 Blvd W, Suite 202 • 24/7
- 407 57th Ave E • Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm
- 616 67th Circle E., Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

**City of Bradenton Police Dept**
- 100 10th StW • 24/7

**Holmes Beach Police Dept**
- 5801 Marina Dr • Mon-Fri, 7am-4pm

**Bradenton Beach Police Dept**
- 403 Highland Ave • Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm

**New College Campus Police Dept**
- 501 Campus Dr, Sarasota 24/7

**Palmetto Police Dept**
- 1115 10th St W • 24/7

**Longboat Key Police Dept**
- 5460 Gulf of Mexico Dr • Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm

Liquids and needles are not accepted. Refer to Manatee County’s Hazardous Waste for disposal instructions.
Safe Use

- Use only as directed by your physician
- Ask about side effects or interactions - and notify your physician if you have any issues while taking the prescription
- Tell your physician about any medications, herbal substances, or over the counter medication you take
- Do not mix alcohol with prescription medications
- Do not use expired medications
- Never share your prescription medication - with anyone it is dangerous, and against the law
- Be a healthy model about Rx use for your children

Safe Storage

- Keep medications in a locked cabinet, drawer, or safe
- Do not store on a counter top, kitchen or bathroom cabinet
- Unless using a weekly medication minder, always keep your medications in their original prescription bottle
- Do not leave in your purse or coat pocket
- Count your pills on a monthly basis - or more often
- Notify law enforcement, if stolen

Safe Disposal

- Use one of community’s safe medication disposal boxes
- Do not flush down the toilet - medication can enter the water system, aquifers, and our harbor and gulf through flushing
- Use a biodegradable disposal pouch- find in pharmacies or online
- Learn more about safe disposal from the FDA: http://bit.ly/RxDispose

Did you know?

18.9 million people report misusing Rx medications… and

The most common source of misused medication is a friend or family member*

Always practice
Safe Use
Safe Storage
Safe Disposal

*2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health

Monitor pills, keep track of refills, and control access
Secure pills in a locked cabinet.
Dispose of unused medications at the permanent disposal sites
Take only medications prescribed to you, as directed by your physician
Talk to your teens about the dangers of abusing prescription drugs

Medication Disposal Box Locations in Charlotte County

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
District 1
11051 Wilmington Blvd, Englewood

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
District 3
3280 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office
Administrative Building
7474 Utilities Road, Punta Gorda

Punta Gorda Public Safety Complex
1410 Tamiami Trail
Punta Gorda

Learn more at: www.SafeRx.tips

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