

**Get Unwanted Meds Out...**  
**Of your homes**  
**Of our water & landfills**  
**Of the reach of children!**

Keeping unused, unwanted and expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs in your home poses a risk to you, your family and your community.

To provide you with an anonymous, easy, secure and responsible way to properly dispose of these drugs, the Hobart Police Department has established a permanent Pharmaceutical drug drop-off box for all Lake County residents.



**Thank You**



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**PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
TAKE BACK  
PROGRAM**

## Drop-Off Procedures

Please follow these instructions for **free** disposal of your unwanted medications:

1. Gather all unwanted medications from where you have them stored.

2. If possible, leave all medications in their original containers. You may black out any personal information that is on the bottle.

3. Bring the medications to the secured drug collection box. Located in the Hobart Police Department lobby.



## Did you know?

Monitoring the Future Study showed that 2.7% of 8th graders, 7.7% of 10th graders, and 8.0% of 12th graders had abused Vicodin and 2.1% of 8th graders, 4.6% of 10th graders, and 5.1% of 12th graders had abused OxyContin for nonmedical purposes.

## Safe Storage & Safety Tips

**Always** store medications in the original containers.

**Never** keep medications past their expiration date.

**Always** store separately medications for family members.

**Never** guess on how much medication to take.

**Read** the label before you open the bottle to ensure the right dosage is taken.

**Never** let young children take medicine by themselves.

**Don't** store medications in areas that are hot and humid, such as the bathroom medicine cabinet.

**Lock** your medicine cabinet. A cabinet or a drawer with a lock on it would also work.

**Do** talk with your children about the dangers of drug abuse!

**The drug drop-box is anonymous and available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.**

## Where do the drugs go?

Our partners at the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) periodically schedule Drug Take-Back Days. The DEA then safely destroys the drugs.

For more information on the Drug-Take Back Days visit:  
<http://www.justice.gov/dea/index.shtml>



### Accepted Substances

Prescription medications and medication samples  
Over-the-counter medications

### Rejected Substances

Illegal narcotics  
(Cocaine, Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Heroin)  
You must contact an officer for assistance with these substances!

### No Sharps:

No Syringes  
No Needles  
No Lancets