The two main hazards of improper disposal of household pharmaceuticals are:

- Possible drug overdose or death from accidental or intentional ingestion of medications when prescription medications are used to get high.
- Contamination of water resources, which can lead to reproductive and developmental problems in fish and other aquatic wildlife, if medicines are flushed or placed in the trash.

Practice proper disposal! Bring unwanted medications in their original containers to the Calumet County Sheriff’s Department’s Safe Drug Drop Box. Household pharmaceuticals accepted at the drop-off box include prescription and over-the-counter human and pet medications such as pills, capsules, ointments, liquids, sprays, drops, creams, inhalers, vials or any other drug no longer needed for its intended purpose. No needles, intravenous solutions, or non-medication waste. Contact the Calumet County Health Department at 920-849-1432 for safe needle disposal.

The box is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Participation is anonymous and free. Keep medications in the original container with the medication name kept visible. Personal identification information such as name and address on prescription labels can be crossed off with a black marker. Medications received at the drug drop box are safely disposed at an incinerator licensed to accept hazardous wastes.