

Medication Disposal Programs Free to Weymouth Residents

Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Disposal



Weymouth residents can dispose of prescription and non-prescription medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Self Service MedReturn Kiosk located at the Weymouth Police Station at 140 Winter Street.

Please bring medicines in the original container (blackout your name and the prescription number) or in a clear plastic re-closable bag.

What is collected?

- Prescription Medicines (pills, capsules, inhalers, ointments, and/or patches)
- Over-the counter medicines (pills, capsules, ointments, vitamins)
- Pet medications
- Sample medications
- Liquid medicines (must be in glass or leak proof container)

What is NOT collected?

- Needles
- Thermometers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Medication from businesses or clinics
- Aerosols

Dropping off your unused medication can lower the risk of substance abuse in the community and protect the environment from potential hazards to the water supply. Thank you for your participation.

The MedReturn Drug Collection Kiosk was a donation from Impact Quincy, a program of Bay State Community Services, Inc., through funding from the MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.

Hypodermic Needle/Sharps Disposal



Weymouth residents can dispose of hypodermic needles/sharps Monday through Friday from 9am – 4pm in the Self Service Needle Kiosk located on the second floor of the Department of Public Works (DPW) building at 120 Winter Street.

Residents should use the following disposal procedure:

- Needles must be placed in a rigid, puncture resistant plastic container with a secure cap or in a sharps container for disposal in the Needle Kiosk. Containers cannot be larger than 13 X 8 inches.
- Containers must be placed into the Needle Kiosk which operates like a mailbox.
- DPW employees **cannot** handle your disposal containers.
- After disposing the needle container in the kiosk, ask a DPW employee for a **free** needle disposal container for future use.

The needle disposal program is made possible by an HIV Manet Community Health Center Prevention and Screening grant funded by the Department of Public Health.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Weymouth residents can dispose of prescription and non-prescription medications during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days held in the months of April and October. Collection dates are advertised in the Weymouth News, Town of Weymouth Website and fliers are sent home with Weymouth students in grades K – 4.

Look for a Saturday Collection date in April and October at the:

DPW Parking Lot
120 Winter Street
9 am to 1 pm

If you are unable to make use of these methods of medication disposal, please use the following procedure:



Trash Disposal

Pills

- Keep medicines in their original container. This will help identify the contents if they are accidentally ingested.
- Mark out your name and prescription number for safety.
- Add some water or soda to dissolve and follow liquid directions

Liquids

- Add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper.
- Close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape.
- Place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle.
- Tape that container closed.
- Hide the container in the trash. Do not put in the recycle bin.

Please do not:

- Give drugs to anyone else
- Flush drugs down the toilet
- Put drugs in the trash

Protect your children by locking up all medications and alcohol in your home.