

Prescription Drug Disposal

Disposing Old/Unused Medicine

The Bayside Police Department accepts old or unused medicine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Acceptable Items

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Ointments
- Sprays
- Inhalers
- Creams
- Vials
- Pet medication

Unacceptable Items

- Needles/sharps
- Biohazardous material (items containing bodily fluid or blood)
- Personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, etc.)
- Household hazardous waste

Federal law requires that certain drugs be handed over immediately to federal law enforcement officials to destroy, while Veolia Environmental Services will incinerate the rest at a federally licensed incinerator. It is important not to flush or pour unused medicine down the drain. This helps protect Lake Michigan, reduce substance abuse, and prevent childhood poisoning.

While the Village does not accept sharps; sharps disposal is available in our area. View drop-off locations [here](#).

Federal Programs

Each year, the Police Department participates in the National Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This program allows the Police Department to collect unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs from residents anonymously and with no questions asked. For more information on the DEA program, visit the [DEA website](#).