



# DOSE OF REALITY

PREVENT PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLER ABUSE IN WISCONSIN.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) will coordinate a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin. The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal of prescription medications, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications. Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern, because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused.

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical substances from our state's medicine cabinets helps to prevent them from going into our water supply. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

**Bring:** Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.

**Do Not Bring:** Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

- Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag. Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.
- Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging and evenly distributed within the boxes of collected solid prescription medications. *Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.*
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamines are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.

For further information please visit the website <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/>

**When:** Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, from 8:00A.M.-2:00P.M.

**Where:** Allouez Village Hall

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Contact DEO Jason Vogel at (920)448-2800 Ext. 109 or by e-mail [jason.vogel@browncountywi.gov](mailto:jason.vogel@browncountywi.gov) with any questions. If you are unable to attend on this date the Village of Allouez has a permanent drop off location at the village hall open during all business hours.