



# UNWANTED MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM

## BACKGROUND & DANGERS

Flushing unwanted or expired medication down the drain and throwing it in the trash introduces these drugs into the environment. Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical chemicals resulting in discharges into local streams and lakes. While the full effects of these waste chemicals has yet to be determined, studies show reproductive and developmental problems in fish and other aquatic wildlife living downstream of some wastewater treatment facilities.

In addition to environmental concerns, unwanted and expired medication can pose threats to human health. Pets and children can be poisoned from accidental ingestion of medicines thrown away in the trash. Some types of medication can be targeted by criminals increasing the danger of illegal use and theft. Protect your family, yourself and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted and expired medication. Allen County residents can participate in the program in two ways.

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## UNWANTED MEDICATION COLLECTION DAYS

Held on the fourth Friday in April and September, visit participating Walgreen's stores to properly dispose of your unwanted medication. To find out the date of this year's collection days visit [www.volunteerfortwayne.org](http://www.volunteerfortwayne.org) or call the Allen County TRIAD at 424-3505.

## PERMANENT UNWANTED MEDICATION DROP-OFF SITES:

*(only pills accepted)*

### NORTHWEST

#### **Allen County Sheriff's Department**

12535 Lima Road  
Hours: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Phone: 449-7440

### SOUTHWEST

#### **Indiana State Police Post**

5811 Ellison Road  
Hours: Open 24/7 in the Lobby  
Phone: 432-8661

### CENTRAL

#### **Fort Wayne Police Department**

1320 East Creighton Street  
Hours: Open 24/7 in the Lobby  
Phone: 427-1222

### EAST

#### **New Haven Police Department**

815 Lincoln Highway East  
Hours: Open 24/7 in the Lobby  
Phone: 748-7080