

Manitowoc County

Drug Disposal Programs

“Flushing unwanted medications down the toilet, or in the trash, has added to the problem of medications in our water supplies”

Northeast Recycling Council, Inc

safe!

Easy!

Free!

Bring Your Unwanted Pharmaceuticals to:

TWO RIVERS	MARIBEL	MANITOWOC
<p>August 7, 2008 Thursday Noon—4pm Fireplace Lounge Community Care Day</p>	<p>September 12, 2008 Friday 2pm—6pm Maribel Community Center 14906 Mulberry Street Maribel</p>	<p>October 25, 2008 Saturday 10am—3pm Manitowoc County Expo 4921 Expo Drive Manitowoc Crime Prevention Day</p>

December 5, 2008
 Friday 1pm—5pm
 Behringer Room
 JE Hamilton
 Community House
 1520 17th Street
 Two Rivers

Guidelines:

- * Needles and sharps will not be accepted.
 - * If possible, please keep items in original containers.
 - * Do not mix medications in the same container.
 - * You may block out personal information on the drug container, but please keep the drug name visible
 - Businesses may participate and may have a charge.
- Preregistration is required: Call 683-4333**

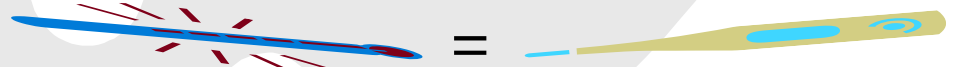
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Acceptable Items:

- ◆ Prescription medications
- ◆ Over-the-counter drugs
- ◆ Controlled substances
- ◆ Illegal drugs

MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Bring in your mercury or basal thermometers and receive a complimentary digital thermometer (limit one digital thermometer per household) All mercury and mercury containing devices will be accepted; however, only household thermometers are eligible for the exchange program



For more information: Call 920-683-4333 or visit www.manitowocrecycles.org

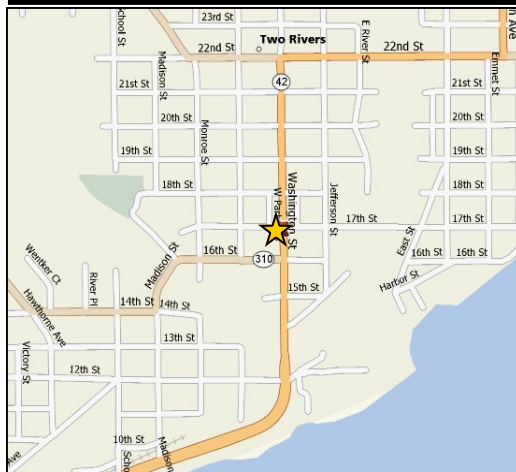


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Manitowoc County: Department of Public Works, Aging Resource Center, Solid Waste Committee, Recycling Center, Public Health Department, Metro Drug Unit, Pharmacy Task Force, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

TWO RIVERS

1520 17th Street



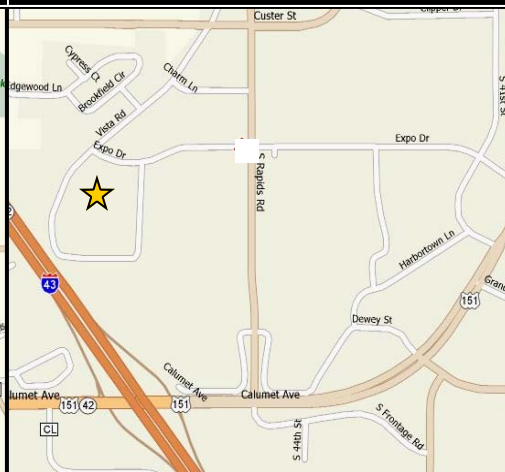
MARIBEL

14906 Mulberry Street



MANITOWOC

4921 Expo Drive



Household Pharmaceutical Waste

Many people have gotten into the habit of flushing waste pharmaceuticals down the toilet because it is convenient, low cost, and prevents unintended use or other diversion. There are better options.

Recommended Disposal Options for Households

Following the waste hierarchy, the department recommends that household pharmaceuticals be managed as follows.

REDUCE pharmaceutical waste whenever possible:

- Use all antibiotics as prescribed by your doctor. Not using all doses of an antibiotic could lead to development of antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria.
- Buy only as much as can reasonably be used before the expiration date. For example, don't buy 500 aspirin just because it's cheaper, unless you will use them all.
- When your doctor prescribes a new medication, ask the doctor to prescribe only enough to see if the medication will work for you and in the lowest dose advisable. That way, if the medication doesn't suit you, there is less to waste. Do the same for your pet's medications.
- Reconsider the use of products that claim to be antimicrobial or antibacterial. Washing with plain soap and water has been demonstrated to be as effective as using antibacterial soaps. Even the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends plain soap in its hand washing procedure.

REUSE/RECYCLE drugs when possible.

- Wisconsin allows certain pharmacies to take back unit doses of drugs for cancer and chronic diseases. Certain drugs can be returned for re-issuance through the Cancer Drug Repository.
- You may be able to donate other items; however, the circumstances where this is possible are limited. While it is a noble intention, it is very unlikely that medications from households would be acceptable for use overseas. If you see an opportunity to do this, approach with caution and research the program well.

DISPOSE of the remainder properly.

- Bring your unwanted pharmaceuticals to a Manitowoc County Drug Disposal Program.
Note: If you choose to store your waste while you wait for a pharmaceutical collection event to occur, please minimize the risk of accidental poisoning, overdose or diversion (illegal use by someone other than the intended person) by storing medications out of reach of children or in a locked cabinet.
- Dispose of your unused pharmaceuticals in the trash. Especially when there is a risk of accidental poisoning, overdose or diversion, it is better to dispose of household pharmaceuticals than to hang onto them. When placing unused pharmaceuticals in the trash, be sure to do the following:
 - * remove or mark over all labels that identify the materials as pharmaceuticals or that could provide personal information about you, including prescription information that someone could try to refill;
 - * render them unattractive to children and thieves by dissolving them in a small amount of water or alcohol, or by grinding them up and mixing them with coffee grounds or kitty litter; and put them in a second container or small plastic bag and hide them in your trash.

Source: WI DNR Website– www.dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/pharm/household.htm