

HOW TO DISPOSE OF MEDICINES PROPERLY

DON'T flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you do to so.

DO return unwanted or expired prescription and other drugs to a safe medication disposal site:

- ◆ Prescription drugs, **including controlled substances**, can be dropped off 24/7 in a bin in the Police Department lobby (east side of 2500 East Lake Avenue). NO sharps or liquids please.

- ◆ The Village of Glenview accepts over-the-counter and prescription drugs and sharps from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Friday of the month (except when rescheduled because of a holiday) at 2500 East Lake Avenue.

- ◆ The Cook County Sheriff's Office Prescription Drug Take-Back Program has bins at the Skokie Courthouse, 5600 Old Orchard Road, and the Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette and Winnetka police departments which accept prescription and over-the-counter medications, **including controlled substances**.

- ◆ The Glenview Police Department hosts a drive-through drug take-back day, which **includes controlled substances**, typically in the spring and fall.

- ◆ Bins at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's O'Brien facility at 3500 Howard St., Skokie, are accessible 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

- ◆ Bins at Walgreens Drug stores at 780 Waukegan Road, Deerfield; 9000 N. Greenwood Avenue, Niles; and 1701 E. Kensington Road, Mount Prospect.

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet can pass through the treatment system and enter rivers and lakes. They may flow downstream to serve as sources for community drinking water supplies. Water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines.

