

# Keep It Safe

Please follow these guidelines when disposing of prescription and over-the-counter medications:

- Keep the medicines in the original container.
- Mark out your name and address.
- Secure the container.
- Deposit the medicines in the disposal boxes at participating Summit County sites. Locations are listed on the back of this brochure.



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## D.U.M.P. BOX LOCATIONS

**Akron City Police Department**  
217 South High St., Akron, OH 44308

**Barberton City Police Department**  
576 W Park Ave., Barberton, OH 44203

**Bath Township**  
3864 W. Bath Rd., Akron, OH 44333

**Copley Police Department**  
1280 Sunset Dr., Copley, OH 44321

**Cuyahoga Falls Police Department**  
2310 Second St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

**Fairlawn**  
3487 S. Smith Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333

**Green—Sheriff Training Center**  
2825 Greensburg Rd., N. Canton, OH 44720

**Hudson Police Department**  
36 South Oviatt St., Hudson, OH 44236

**Macedonia**  
1494 East Aurora Rd., Macedonia, OH 44056

**Munroe Falls Police Department**  
43 Munroe Falls Ave., Munroe Falls, OH 44262

**New Franklin Police Department**  
5611 Manchester Rd., Akron, OH 44319

**Norton Fire Department**  
3380 Greenwich Rd., Norton, OH 44203

**Richfield Police Department**  
4450 W. Streetsboro Rd., Richfield, OH 44286

**Stow Police Department**  
3800 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224

**Summa Health System - Akron Campus**  
525 E. Market St., Akron, OH 44304  
Emergency Department Atrium (corner of Forge and Fountain)

**Summa Health System - Barberton Campus**  
155 5th St. NE, Barberton, OH 44203  
Emergency Department Atrium (corner of 5th and E. Tuscarawas)

**Tallmadge Police Department**  
53 Northeast Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278

**Twinsburg Police Department**  
10075 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087

# Unused Medications?



# D.U.M.P.

*Dispose of  
Unused  
Medications  
Properly*

# What is the issue?

Safe methods of disposal are needed for expired or unwanted medicines. Improper disposal of medicines presents both a public safety and environmental hazard.

Summit County Public Health, in collaboration with local community partners, has established a pharmaceutical disposal program for residents to safely dispose of their unused medications.

Simply take the unwanted medicine to one of the several D.U.M.P. box locations in the county and the medication will be safely destroyed, no questions asked. Locations are listed on the back of this brochure.

## PLEASE NOTE:

These boxes are for pills, capsules or liquids **only**.

Syringes and aerosols **cannot** be accepted at the D.U.M.P. boxes.

For syringe disposal, please call 330-926-5600

## Prescription Abuse

Prescription drug abuse by teens is a serious problem in Ohio. An Ohio Department of Health report indicates that 26.5% of high school students have abused prescription drugs.

Many teens think these drugs are safe because they have legitimate uses, but taking them without a prescription to get high or “self-medicate” can be as dangerous and addictive as using illegal street drugs.

Painkillers are the most common pharmaceutical abused by teens. Stimulant abuse is more common among older teens and college students than younger teens.



Summit County Public Health complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

### Spanish:

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-311-1232.

### Nepali:

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## Environmental Concerns

Expired or unwanted medicines flushed down the toilet are reaching streams, lakes and our drinking water supplies. Some fish and amphibians that have been exposed to waters contaminated by medications show signs of developmental and reproductive problems.

Many medications pass through our sewage treatment plants and septic systems. Antibiotic residuals can be harmful to sewage treatment facilities.



### Why not flush meds down the toilet?

Medications flushed down the toilet can end up in our water supply.

### Is it okay for me to throw meds into my trash?

Medications in the trash are an easy target for children and pets. These medications will end up in the landfills, where they may leach indirectly into the water.

### Where do I take my unwanted meds?

Take them to a D.U.M.P. box at any of the locations listed on the back of this brochure. For small quantities, drug deactivation pouches are available through The Deterra Project, <http://cpsummit.org/prevention/>.