

Cass County Medication Disposal

Take It To **THE BOX**



Safe Use • Safe Storage • Safe Disposal

WHAT IS TAKE IT TO THE BOX?

The Cass County community is serious about preventing medication misuse/abuse and accidental poisoning, and about healthy, environmentally safe disposal of unneeded medications. Safe medication disposal helps reduce such risks. Starting November 1, 2011 there will be a 24/7 medication disposal box located in the lobby of the Cass County Sheriff's Office. The "drop off" box will accept unneeded over-the-counter medications, prescriptions and narcotic drugs from community members. Future Cass County sites will be in Lake Shore and Pine River.

SAFE USE

- Read and follow directions on all medications.
- Take the recommended dose- not more, not less.
- Don't share your prescription medicine with another or take someone else's medication.

SAFE STORAGE

- Keep all medication in a safe location that is unavailable to children, teens and guests.
- Lock up narcotics or mood altering medicines.
- Keep medicines in their original containers.
- Follow storage directions on the medicine.

SAFE DISPOSAL (It is no longer safe to dispose by flushing down sinks and/or drains)

- Take It To The Box is **FREE** disposal located at the Cass County Sheriff's Office in Lobby at 303 Minnesota Ave West in Walker drop off available 24/7.
- Leave medication in the original container and name of medication on the bottle.
- Remove your name and other identifying information.
- Drop medication into the disposal box opening.
- **NO** syringes, needles, or sharps accepted. **NO** chemotherapy or radiological medicine. **NO** mercury thermometers or biohazardous waste.

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