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Improper disposal of medicines presents both a public safety and environmental hazard.

**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.

**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.

## The D.U.M.P. Program

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 D.U.M.P. locations in the county and the medication will be safely destroyed, no questions asked.

## FAQ’s

**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 this brochure. For small quantities, drug deactivation pouches are available through The Deterra Project. Visit cpsummit.org/prevention for more info.

**Does D.U.M.P take syringes or aerosols?**

No. 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.