



# RecycleSmart

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## UNUSED MEDICATIONS WHERE CAN I DISPOSE?



This is a familiar and popular question that is often asked by Grand Traverse County residents.

Increasing amounts of prescription drugs are being detected in U.S. rivers, waterways, and ground water. Drugs like antidepressants, cholesterol reducers, and antibiotics are being detected in drinking water supplies. The risk to humans and animals of long term exposure to these contaminants in drinking water is unknown.

In addition, many children are the victims of accidental poisonings each year due to medications in the home. In order to protect our children and the environment, we must ensure that medications are properly handled, stored and disposed!

**WELCOME** the newest participant of the RecycleSmart "Take It Back" recycling program.



Beginning October 1, 2009 **THE MEDICINE SHOPPE PHARMACY** will take back old, unwanted medications to be properly disposed. In compliance with the Controlled Substance Act (CSA), enforced by the Drug Enforcement Administration, this program Does Not Accept any scheduled drugs.

Please contact The Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy with specific questions about acceptable/unacceptable medications. For additional information visit the RecycleSmart website, click on the "Take It Back" recycling program link, and then click the "Health" link.

Since introducing the "Take It Back" recycling program in January, 2008, area residents & businesses have learned where to recycle and properly dispose of many every day products on a year around basis. If your business has an interest or questions about becoming registered with the "Take It Back" recycling program, please complete the registration form at:

[www.RecycleSmart.info](http://www.RecycleSmart.info)  
or call the  
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