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Medication Disposal Site No Longer Available

GRAND HAVEN – The Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) Grand Haven office no longer offers medication disposal services. Due to space limitations, they are prevented from collecting at their new location, 1207 South Beechtree Street. To find other Ottawa County medication disposal locations, please visit www.miOttawa.org/eco

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Free disposal of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications are accepted at participating locations.

During 2010 to 2013, OCDPH Disposal Program served **26,387** Ottawa County residents to process and properly dispose of **653,246 total pounds of hazardous waste**; **5,989 pounds** were prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs.

Prevent drug misuse and abuse

Each year in the U.S. more than 71,000 children aged 18 and younger are seen in emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over-the-counter drugs.* To help prevent drug misuse and abuse, please dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs at any participating location at no charge. Don't ever flush medications. They contaminate our drinking water and pose a threat to people's health. Improper disposal of any household hazardous waste can pollute the environment. Some items can be reused, recycled or must be managed properly as hazardous waste. "Every team member of the OCDPH Environmental Health Disposal Program has worked very hard to ensure proper disposal of hazardous waste, unwanted medications and

recyclables," said Matt Allen, REHS; environmental health team supervisor. "When I think of how much material the site attendants handle and how many people they see, it boggles my mind. Their diligent work has brought this program where it is today." Environmental Health staff, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, participating disposal locations and the work of residents help keep Ottawa County's environment clean from pollutants and drinking waters safe. For more information on the OCDPH Disposal Program and the Resource Recovery Center hours and locations, visit <http://ow.ly/rwxPb>

Medication Disposal Sites Please remove pills from bottles and place in a sealable plastic bag. Liquids or gels may be kept in original packages with the labels blackened or removed. www.miOttawa.org/eco

Law Enforcement Offices

Zeeland City 29 W. Main St
West Olive Sheriff's Office 12220 Fillmore St
Holland City Police Dept 89 W. 8th St
Grand Haven Township 13250 168th Ave
Coopersville City 289 Danforth St
Georgetown Township 3100 Port Sheldon Rd

Participating Pharmacies

Tasker Drug Store Coopersville
Pfaff Pharmacy Grand Haven
Family Fare Holland, Zeeland & Allendale
D&W Fresh Market Holland & Grand Haven

Participating Health Department Office

12251 James St, Holland

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Resource Recovery Service Centers Customers	13,101	12,958	13,429	13,224	52,712
Pounds of Liquid Hazardous Waste Collected	40,400	89,656	66,200	78,728	274,984
Pounds of Solid Hazardous Waste Collected	40,962	71,270	93,021	103,605	308,858
Pounds of Pesticides Collected	10,938	11,207	22,059	25,200	69,404
Total pounds of Hazardous Waste Processed*	92,300	172,133	181,280	207,533	653,246
Cubic Yards of Recyclables Collected	3,415	3,606	3,450	3,420	13,891
Recycling Memberships	601	659	728	676	2,664

4 Resource Recovery Service Centers and over a dozen medication drop off locations are available to residents.

Most services are offered at no charge.

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*Of the total pounds of hazardous waste processed 2010 - 2013, below are the pounds for **medication disposal**.

- 2010 - 640 lbs
- 2011 - 789 lbs
- 2012 - 2,300
- 2013 - 2,260 lbs *(Includes the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office)*

TOTAL – 5,989 lbs

Sources

*www.drugfree.org

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