



MEDICATION TAKE BACK PROGRAMS

---RETHINKING OUR DEPENDENCE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TODAY
BY REDUCING, REUSING & RECYCLING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW---

Did you know that throwing away or flushing unwanted medications down the toilet is causing small amounts of them in our drinking water? It can also have serious environmental impacts on the Great Lakes Ecosystem. Traces of pharmaceuticals have been found in all of the Great Lakes and can lead to reproductive and developmental problems in fish and other animals.

Unwanted medications should be disposed of with hazardous waste, not in the trash or in the toilet. Liquid captured in landfills can end up in waterways and in groundwater through leaching and runoff. Wastewater treatment plants are unable to screen for medications, meaning medications flushed down the toilet end up being discharged directly into our lakes and streams.

Help keep Michigan healthy by disposing of unwanted medications at local take back events. Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery accepts medications at their Household Hazardous Waste events three times annually. The Drug Enforcement Agency also has two national prescription medicine take back events annually.



Controlled Substances (Narcotics) only:

Charlotte Courthouse

1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Eaton County Sheriff's Office Delta Patrol

7108 Administration Dr, Lansing
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Controlled & Non-Controlled Substances:

Eaton County Recycling Events

www.eatoncounty.org/recycling

National Drug Take Back Days

Held in April and October annually



For more information, please contact the
Eaton County Department of Resource Recovery
1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte MI 48813
(517) 543-3686 or recycle@eatoncounty.org