



## SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL

A prescription for clean water & safe kids

Safe Medicine Disposal site located in the lobby of the Grandville Police Department



Hours: Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM excluding holidays

Prescription and OTC medication accepted

Bring in original container, cross off your name and personal information

Biohazardous Material, Needles/sharps not accepted

NEVER FLUSH or pour unused medicine down the drain.

- **Help protect our natural waterways**
  - Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove all medicines from wastewater. Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly to our lakes and rivers.
  - Various levels of drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States. Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish.
  - Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs
  
- **Prevent childhood poisonings**
  - Just one pain pill can be fatal to a child
  - Every 30 seconds an unintentional poisoning of a child occurs in the United States
  - One third of poisonings by prescription medication among children 4 and younger involve a grandparent or great-grandparent's medication.
  - Iron or multi vitamins with iron are responsible for 30 percent of child deaths due to medication poisoning
  
- **Reduce substance abuse**
  - Prescription and OTC medications are widely available, free or inexpensive, and falsely believed to be safer than illegal drugs.
  - 20% of US high school students have taken a prescription drug not prescribed to them
  - Most commonly abused medications are Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax.