

Time to Clean Out those Medicine Cabinets

Has your medicine cabinet become an overflowing “Pandora’s” box of mysteries? Do you find yourself wondering what lurks in that bottle in the back corner? If so, it’s time to retake control. “Attack the monster”time for those old and expired medications to find a new home!

Now that you have won the battle against your medicine cabinet, your mind turns to the question “What in the world do I do with them now?” No fear, here are some answers:

Medicine Take-Back Programs:

Unwanted medications and old prescriptions can be dropped off at area law enforcement offices for free and safe disposal. Boise City Police, Ada County Sheriff’s Office, and Garden City Police will each offer a "no questions asked" medications collection bin in the lobby of their respective headquarters

a. Program Guidelines:

- Items can be dropped off at any location during business hours.
- Medications may be bagged.
- Liquid containers must be sealed in a plastic bag to prevent spills. Do not pour liquids into the collection bin.
- Medications must fit into the drop chute. If the container is too large, please ask at the counter for assistance
- The program **does not accept:**
 - Sharps or Syringes
 - Aerosol Cans
 - Bloody or Infectious Waste
 - Hydrogen Peroxide
 - Thermometers
 - IV Bags

Boise Area Drop-off Locations

Boise City Police

Boise City Hall West 333 N. Sailfish 83704
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday

Ada County Sheriff’s Office

7225 Barrister Dr. 83704
24 hours per day, 7 days a week

Garden City Police Department

301 E 50th 83714
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Meridian City Police

1401 E. Watertower
8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday

Make a plan to inventory and dispose of old, expired medications at least once a year. This will decrease the risk for unintentional use or overdose and makes them inaccessible to others such as children, pets, or visitors to your home.