Medication and Hypodermic Needle Disposal Programs
Free to Weymouth Residents

Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Disposal Programs

a. MedReturn Kiosk*

Weymouth residents can dispose of prescription and non-prescription medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the Self Service MedReturn Kiosk located at the Weymouth Police Station at 140 Winter Street.

b. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

Weymouth residents can dispose of prescription and non-prescription medications during Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days held at the DPW in the months of April and October. Collection dates are advertised in the Weymouth News, Town of Weymouth Website and fliers are sent home with Weymouth students in grades K – 4.

When using either method of disposal, please bring medicines in original containers (blackout your name and the prescription number) or in a clear plastic re-closable bag

What is collected?

- Prescription Medicines (pills, capsules, inhalers, ointments, and/or patches)
- Over-the counter medicines (pills, capsules, ointments, vitamins)
- Pet medications
- Sample medications
- Liquid medicines (must be in glass or leak proof container)

What is NOT collected?

- Needles
- Thermometers
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Medication from businesses or clinics
- Aerosols

*The MedReturn Drug Collection Kiosk was a donation from Impact Quincy, a program of Bay State Community Services, Inc., through funding from the MA Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services.
Hypodermic Needle/Sharps Disposal *

Weymouth residents can dispose of hypodermic needles/sharps Monday through Friday from 9am – 4pm in the Self Service Needle Kiosk located on the second floor of the DPW at 120 Winter Street.

Procedure:

- Needles must be placed in a rigid, puncture resistant plastic container with a secure cap or in a sharps container for disposal in the Needle Kiosk. Containers cannot be larger than 13 X 8 inches.
- Containers must be placed into the Needle Kiosk which operates like a mailbox.
- DPW employees cannot handle your disposal containers.
- After disposing the needle container in the kiosk, ask a DPW employee for a free needle disposal container for future use.

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What to do if you find a hypodermic needle

**DO:** Call the police station at 781-335-1212. The police will retrieve the needle for proper disposal.

**DO NOT:** Touch the needle, attempt to break the needle, try to re-cap an uncapped needle, or throw needle into regular trash receptacles, dumpsters, sewers, or catch basins.

Safe Disposal of Medicines through Trash

**Pills:** Keep in original container (will help identify the contents if accidentally ingested), mark out name and prescription number, add some water or soda to dissolve and follow liquid directions.

**Liquids:** Add something inedible like cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper, close the lid and secure with duct or packing tape, place the bottle(s) inside an opaque (non see-through) container like a coffee can or plastic laundry bottle, tape that container closed, and hide the container in the trash.

**Please do not:** Give drugs to anyone else, flush drugs down the toilet, or put in the recycle bin.

Protect your children by locking up all medications and alcohol in your home.