

# PROPER RX DRUG DISPOSAL

**NEVER FLUSH**  
your old medications!



A 1999 study found that **80% of streams** in the US were contaminated with **pharmaceuticals**.

Scientists have found **frogs and fish** with physical and reproductive **abnormalities** due to pharmaceuticals in the water.

**YOU can help solve the problem!**

**Operation: Take-Back Medication**  
collects old and unneeded  
prescriptions and over-the-counter  
drugs and disposes of them safely.

**Permanent collection site info in your area:**

**Eagle River Police Dept:** 525 E. Maple Dr. Eagle River, WI (715) 479-4343

Mondays: 8am-4pm,

**Lac du Flambeau Police Dept :** 623 Peace Pipe Rd. LDF, WI (715) 588-7717

Monday–Friday: 7am-4:30pm

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY INFORMATION



VILAS  
COUNTY  
YOUTH  
COALITION



**Marshfield  
Clinic**

Don't just live. **Shine.**



# PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAFETY

Develop a relationship with your pharmacist.

- Ask questions.
- Know what medications you are taking and why.



Be attentive at the pharmacy counter.

- Use a quiet voice when talking about your medications.
- Avoid showing your prescription/medication to others.

Use caution when leaving the pharmacy.

- Be mindful of people around you, near your car, etc.
- Contact Pharmacy staff if you see anything suspicious.

Phone-in your prescription or use mail-order services.

# SECURE YOUR PRESCRIPTION

Prescription Drugs are the primary target in  
**home invasions and thefts.**

Use these tips to **keep your prescriptions secure.**

- Safeguard all drugs **at home.**
  - **Do NOT** leave drugs on countertops or out in the open.
  - Keep pill **bottle caps on tightly.**
  - Store drugs in a **private area** such as a bedroom or other secure place.
- Know **how many pills** you have.
- Properly **dispose** of old or unneeded medicines.
- Be aware of anyone who **enters** your home.

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Abuse is Increasing

- There is an increasing number of people being prescribed medications today.
- Because of this increase, there are more pills accessible in more medicine cabinets.
- More accessibility places people at higher risk for misuse, abuse and addiction.



Prescription Drug Abuse is Deadly

- Taking prescription drugs that were not prescribed to you or in a non-prescribed way is **DRUG ABUSE.**
- Prescription drug abuse can cause death, addiction, disability or disruptions in normal brain cell development.

Its Totally Preventable

- Visit [www.drugfree.org](http://www.drugfree.org) or [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov) for more info.

## Most Commonly Abused Medications

GENERIC NAME	BRAND NAME
Oxycodone	<b>OxyContin</b> <b>Percocet</b>
Hydrocodone	<b>Vicadin</b>
Codeine	<b>Tylenol w/codeine</b>
Methylphenidate	<b>Ritalin</b>
Alprazolam	<b>Xanax</b>
Amphetamine	<b>Adderall</b>
Clonazepam	<b>Klonopin</b>
Fentanyl	<b>Actiq/Duragesic</b>
Dextromethorphan	<b>Cough and Cold medicine</b>

