

## Over-the-Counter Medications

Kootenai County Solid Waste will take all residential over-the-counter medications (non-prescription) for disposal. The medications can go into garbage cans or onto the collection floor. If concerns arise about theft of over-the-counter medications, the medications can be mixed with an undesirable substance such as used coffee grounds or kitty litter as a deterrent.



## Don't Flush Your Medications!

Flushing medication down the toilet is the least desirable of all disposal alternatives. Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to remove all traces of pharmaceutical chemicals. Contaminants from flushed medications may reach local waters and harm aquatic life.



## Transfer Stations

Ramsey Transfer Station  
3330 N. Ramsey Rd.  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
Hours: Monday-Sunday  
8am-5pm  
(Entrance gate closes at 4:55 pm)

Prairie Transfer Station  
15580 W. Prairie Ave.  
Post Falls, ID 83854  
Hours: Monday-Sunday  
8am-5pm  
(Entrance gate closes at 4:55 pm)



Kootenai County Solid Waste  
3650 N. Ramsey Rd.  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815  
Phone: 208-446-1430  
[www.kcgov.us/380/Solid-Waste](http://www.kcgov.us/380/Solid-Waste)

# Prescription Medication Disposal



How to properly dispose of prescription medications so they are not dangerous to people, animals or the environment.

Idaho ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for pain reliever misuse among people aged 12 and older. When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your prescription medications to the proper authorities.

## How to Safely Dispose of Unwanted Prescription Medications

Medication drop boxes are important in curtailing the abuse of prescription medication by reducing access to unused, unwanted or expired medications. If you need to dispose of prescription medications, utilize one of these drop off locations.

Safeway

121 W. Neider Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID  
208-765-4410

Safeway

1001 N. 4th St, Coeur d'Alene, ID  
208-667-3860

**These locations are for personal medications only and not for commercial use. Most locations will also not accept liquid medications.**

For Liquid Medications, please contact **Panhandle Health** (208-415-5100) about the Detera Drug Deactivation Bag. The Solid Waste Department also carries a limited supply of the Detera Bags. Panhandle Health also carries Medication Lock Boxes.

Check with your local pharmacist to see if your pharmacy also participates in a medication take-back program.



### YES - Accepted

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

### STOP

These items are **Not Accepted** in this collection unit



Post Falls Police Department  
1717 E. Polston Avenue, Post Falls, ID  
208-773-3617

Rathdrum Police Department  
8178 Main St, Rathdrum, ID  
208-687-0711

Kootenai County Sheriff's Office  
2451 W Dakota Ave  
**(NEW LOCATION)**  
208-446-1300

### No Liquid Medications

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police  
850 A Street, Plummer, ID  
208-686-2050

Walgreen's  
335 W Appleway Ave  
Coeur d'Alene, ID  
208-765-1254

Properly disposing of unwanted medications is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public health and safety.



The medication drop boxes do **NOT** take sharps. Please drop off used needles (residents only) in a thick walled, secured, properly labeled jug in the containment bins located at either Transfer Station 7 days a week.