

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

Prescription Medication Disposal



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

Idaho ranks 8th 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.

Coeur d'Alene Tribal Police
850 A Street, Plummer, ID
208-686-1800

Medicine Man West Pharmacy
802 E Medical Court, Post Falls, ID
208-773-3566

Medicine Man Prairie Pharmacy
8093 N. Cornerstone Drive, Hayden, ID
208-762-9355

Walgreens
335 W. Appleway Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID
208-765-1254

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



Coeur d'Alene Police Department
3818 Schreiber Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID
208-769-2320

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

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

Kootenai County Sheriffs Office
5500 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene ID
208-446-1300

Spirit Lake Police Department
6155 W. Maine Street, Spirit Lake, ID
208-623-2701

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.