



Unused/Expired Medication Drop-off

Unused or expired prescription drugs can accumulate in our homes and could present a hazard to children or the patient.

The illicit use and/or misuse of pharmaceuticals, in particular narcotic opioids, has become an issue of increasing concern with impacts on public safety and community well-being. Trends indicate rising rates of recreational misuse of prescription drugs by youth, the majority of whom obtain these drugs from family medicine cabinets and from friends

In Canada, prescription drug misuse represents a complex and growing problem affecting many communities from several perspectives. In some regions, health professionals have identified opioid misuse in particular as a public health crisis due to rates of addiction, recreational misuse, and overdose deaths. From an enforcement perspective, the criminality associated with prescription drug misuse includes fraudulent use of the health care system, drug-impaired driving, and more traditional drug trafficking activity.

The Deep River Police Service suggest every household check their medicine cabinet or location they store medication and remove any unused, leftover or expired medication. The medication can then be taken to any of the three pharmacies in Deep River for disposal, I.D.A. Drug Mart, Cahoon's Pharmacy and Deep River Pharmacy Health Med.

Do not flush these medications down the drain as they can contaminate our lakes and streams and are not filtered by the wastewater treatment system.