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for Excellence in Financial Reporting
Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation
(ILEAP)
Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class
One Fire Department
State of Illinois Certified Health
Department
Tree City U.S.A. Distinction

Village of Skokie

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Skokie's Drug Collection and Disposal Program

Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions. Most abused prescription drugs come from family and friends. Additionally, drugs that are flushed down the drain or disposed in the garbage find their way into waterways, contaminate surface waters and harm the environment.

To prevent prescription drug abuse and help the environment, the Village of Skokie has a Drug Collection and Disposal Program. There is a white drop-off box in the lobby of the Skokie Police Department, 7300 Niles Center Road, for residents to dispose unwanted, unused and expired medication at any time. This location offers 24-hour secure monitoring, collection and subsequent disposal in accordance with federal regulations. This site also accepts narcotics and other controlled substances. The program, which began in 2012, has collected over 3,265 lbs to date.

Accepted drugs include prescription medications, controlled substances, all over-the-counter medications (i.e. pain relievers, cold medication, etc.), medication samples, pet medications, vitamins and supplements, medicated ointments, lotions, creams and oils, liquid medication in leak-proof containers and homeopathic remedies. This program does not accept needles/sharps, syringes with needles, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers and hydrogen peroxide.

The Skokie Health Department, 5127 Oakton Street, also accepts medications and used syringes/needles in puncture-proof containers. The Skokie Health Department drop-off convenience is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Skokie Health Department is unable to accept controlled substances and non-prescription liquids.

For more information on the Skokie Drug Collection and Disposal Program, please contact the Skokie Health Department at 847/933-8252 or the Skokie Police Department Headquarters at 847/982-5900.

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