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Accreditation (ILEAP)

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Class One Fire Department

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Department

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Village of Skokie

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Skokie's Drug Collection and Disposal Program Helps the Environment and Keeps Drugs out of the Wrong Hands

Now entering its sixth year, the Skokie Drug Collection and Disposal Program has received 6,182.6 lbs. of drugs that have been brought to the collection box in the Police Department Headquarters, 7300 Niles Center Road.

Prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions in recent years. 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 both prevent prescription drug abuse and help the environment, the Village of Skokie initiated a Drug Collection and Disposal Program in 2012. There is a white drop-off box in the lobby of Skokie Police Headquarters 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.

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 non-narcotic 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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