



## Frequently Asked Questions:

### What is Take It To The Box?

The **Take It ToThe Box** program promotes the safe use, safe storage and, in particular, safe disposal of unneeded medication. The Hubbard County community is serious about preventing medication misuse/abuse and about environmentally safe disposal of unneeded medication. Safe medication disposal helps reduce such risks.

### How should I get my medicine ready to drop off in The Box?

Medicine should be left in their original container with the label. If the medicine is a prescription, use a marker to cross off your name. Leave all other information on the container.

### What kinds of medicine can go into The Box?

Any prescription and over-the-counter medicine can be placed in **The Box**.

### What about syringes, needles or “sharps”?

No! These items should NOT go in **The Box**. Talk to your pharmacist about syringe disposal options and products that are available. The Hubbard County Solid Waste Office also has suggestions for syringe disposal: put them in a plastic bottle such as a laundry bottle, duct tape it and write needles/sharps on it and then dispose of it in the waste stream. Contact them at: (218)732-9568.

### Can household chemicals like glues, paints and other inhalants that can be used to get high go in The Box?

No. You are encouraged to store these kinds of chemicals in a safe, out-of-reach location. Unneeded household chemicals can be taken to the Hubbard County Landfill. For information, use contact information from above.

### Can inhalers be put in The Box?

Yes. Inhalers used with various medicines can be dropped in **The Box** for disposal.

### Can illegal drugs & drug use paraphernalia go in The Box?

Yes. For privacy, items can be put in a paper bag or other container before dropping them into the disposal box. The opening of **The Box** is about 5.5 inches by 9.5 inches and is designed so that once something is dropped in the box, it can only be taken out by a designated police officer.

### What do I do with medicine that has expired?

Expired medicines are accepted in **The Box**. Just follow the directions from above.

### Can I drop off someone else’s unneeded medication?

Yes. If needed, friends or family members may bring medication to **The Box** for someone else. Please, call if you have a question about this.

### Can unused medicine be donated for others to use?

No. In Minnesota at this time there is no legal or safe way to donate unopened and/or unneeded medication.

Health Finders (507-330-4031) is a local organization that will accept some unneeded health-related equipment and supplies- but not medication. Call for information.

### What happens to the medicine put into The Box?

**The Box** is emptied daily. Contents are stored in a secured location. Periodically, a police officer and a chemist from qualified disposal company will sort the medication. Medicines will then be taken to a licensed site to be incinerated at extremely high temperatures.

### Who pays for the medication disposal?

**Take It To the Box** is a very cost effective program. Funding has come from: local law enforcement agencies & Hubbard County Youth Drug & Alcohol Taskforce. The box was crafted and donated by the Leading Edge of Park Rapids. There is **no charge** to individuals when medications are dropped off at **Take It To The Box** locations.

*For more information contact the Hubbard County Youth Drug and Alcohol Taskforce: 218-252-8275 or log onto [hubbardcountdrugfree.org](http://hubbardcountdrugfree.org).*