



# EASY & SECURE

What Happens to *Your* Unused or Unwanted Medication?

Van Buren County Sheriff's Office and the Van Buren County Substance Abuse Task Force has dedicated permanent medication collection boxes that will provide Van Buren County residents with safe and convenient access to properly dispose of their over the counter and prescription medications!

**Find Your Nearest Location Below:**

**Hometown Bangor Pharmacy**

3 W. Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI 49013

**Decatur Village Hall**

114 N. Phelps Street  
Decatur, MI 49045

**Hometown Gobles Pharmacy**

206 S. State Street  
Gobles, MI 49045

**Hartford Police Department**

19 W. Main Street  
Hartford, MI 49057

**Van Buren/Cass District**

**Health Department**

57418 CR 681  
Hartford, MI 49057

**Medicine Tree Pharmacy**

56109 Village Center Circle  
Mattawan, MI 49071

**Bronson/Lakeview Pharmacy**

52375 N. Main Street  
Mattawan, MI 49071

**Van Buren/ Cass District**  
**Health Department**

23200 Red Arrow Highway  
Mattawan, MI 49071

**Van Buren County Sheriff's**  
**Office**

205 S. Kalamazoo Street  
Paw Paw, MI 49079



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Van Buren County Substance  
Abuse Task Force (VBSATF)

**Paw Paw Village Pharmacy**

322 E. Michigan Ave.  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

**Family Fare Supermarket**

847 S. Kalamazoo Street  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

**Van Buren Community Mental**  
**Health**

801 Hazen Street  
Paw Paw, MI 49079

**Value Drug**

08337 M-140 Highway  
South Haven, MI 49090

**South Haven City Police**  
**Department**

90 Blue Star Highway  
South Haven, MI 49090

## Permanent Medication Collection Boxes

### WHAT IS IT?

Red Med Box is an easy and secure way to dispose of your unused or expired medications.

Properly disposing unused and unwanted medications helps to protect the environment. It also helps to protect our community against prescription abuse, addiction, and accidental or intentional overdose. Red Med Boxes are located at many area law enforcement buildings and pharmacies (*see list on front*), which means you can now drop off prescriptions that are considered controlled substances!

#### **Federal Guidelines:**

Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain, unless, the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so.

For information on drugs that should be flushed visit [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

### WHAT IS ACCEPTED?

#### **What NOT to do:**

- Flush down the toilet
- Pour down the drain
- Throw in the garbage
- Give to another person

#### **What can happen:**

- Pollution in our Great Lakes
- Adverse effects on wildlife
- Contaminated water supplies
- Prescription drug abuse
- Overdoses
- Theft from home or trash

#### **Red Med Box WILL accept:**

- Expired & Unused Medications
- Over the Counter Medications
- Antibiotics & Steroids
- Cold & Flu Medications
- Vitamins & Herbal Supplements
- Medication Samples
- Pet Medications
- Medicated Ointment, Lotions, Drops
- Unopened Epi-Pens
- Liquid Medications
  - \* ONLY tightly closed, clean, and secure liquid meds will be accepted.

#### **Red Med Box will NOT accept:**

- No Needles, Lancets, Syringes
- No Thermometers
- No IV Bags
- No Bloody or Infectious Waste
- No Hydrogen Peroxide, Rubbing Alcohol, etc.
- No Business Waste
- No Empty Containers
- No Personal Care Products
- No Used Epi-Pens
- No Aerosol Cans
- No Electronic Devices; Diabetes Testers, etc.
- No Inhalers

**What happens to medications when dropped in the Red Med Boxes?** The medications are picked up by the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office Narcotic's Unit to be destroyed. To contact the Narcotic's Unit, please call their phone number at 269-657-8296.

**\*Please note that locations are subject to change and continue to be added.**

**For an updated list of current locations and a complete list of common controlled substances, please visit: [www.vanburencountysheriff.com](http://www.vanburencountysheriff.com).**