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Knox County Health Department

1361 West Fremont Street • Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Drug Take Back Instructions

The City of Galesburg, in conjunction with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Knox County Health Department, will collect unused or expired prescription medicine, inhalers and mercury thermometers for proper disposal. Disposing of these items in the household refuse poses environmental hazards. Take your unwanted prescriptions and thermometers to the Knox County Health Department at 1361 W. Fremont Street, Galesburg, during their normal business hours, 8:00AM – 4:30PM

Disposal of Medication Steps

Step 1:

All medications (pills and liquid medications separated) must be in clear plastic Ziploc bags when brought to the health department for collection. Please discard empty bottles, boxes, or containers as they will **not** be accepted.

Step 2:

Mercury thermometers and inhalers must also be in Ziploc bags, separate from each other and medications.

Step 3:

Ziploc bags will be provided if necessary, but the patron must bag them prior to collection. (Must be done at home or in their car, and **not** in the waiting room).

Step 4:

Non-prescription medications may be disposed of in home regular trash.

More information about medication disposal:

[EPA Medication Disposal](#)

[FDA Medication Disposal Information](#)

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