

Drugs Down the drain, into your glass Pharmaceuticals in more drinking water

An investigation by The Associated Press found that drinking water supplied to at least 46 million Americans carried residues of antibiotics, anti-convulsants, mood stabilizers, sex hormones and other pharmaceuticals.

“Tons of drugs dumped into wastewater affect wildlife, humans on unknown scale”

Associated Press



Do Not Dispose of Prescription Medications Into Our Water System!



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If you have prescription drugs that are outdated, no longer needed or you just do not know what to do with, please contact us at the Coeur d'Alene Police Department.

We are available twenty-four hours a day to assist in the proper disposal of such items.

Call us at 769-2260 at the Property and Evidence Office and we will assist in making arrangements to contact you to dispose of the items.

There are many risks associated with storing prescription drugs that are not part of a current drug therapy. The prescriptions may be outdated and not effectively treat the symptoms they are intended for. If prescription drugs are being stored and the person they are for is not taking them according to the prescription, it is possible they could be taken by mistake or potentially stolen.

If prescription drugs are disposed of in our water supply, a potential for contamination to the water occurs.

Coeur d'Alene Police Property and Evidence Office works in conjunction with the Idaho State Police to dispose of these items in a safe manner. We appreciate any cooperation you can

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- According to Denis Yost, Pharmacy Director at Kootenai Health, saving unused prescription drugs is a bad idea. "Certain drugs tend to degrade and some even become toxic over time. Others are heat sensitive or have active ingredients which can settle, meaning you can't be sure of the proper dosing. When you have finished your course of treatment with a prescription, dispose of it."
- Cynthia Taggart from the Panhandle Health District (PHD) advises preventing misuse of discarded drugs by removing them from their original containers and mixing or crushing them with an unappetizing substance, such as kitty litter. Seal the results in a bag or jar and toss it out with the household trash.
- Sid Fredrickson from the City Wastewater treatment plant stated: "There is growing concern that personal care products and pharmaceuticals can pass through a wastewater treatment plant and end up poisoning aquatic life in our rivers and streams. We ask our citizens not to flush these products down the drain."

"Law enforcement's goal is the reduction of prescription medications that are diverted for illegal use, by theft or misuse.

By encouraging the public to turn in unused medication we will reduce the amount of medication abused by our young people.

By working together, we can all make a difference".

Coeur d'Alene Chief of Police

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