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## Prescription Pill Drop-off Point

Coos Bay citizens can now dispose of their medicinal trash at the Coos Bay Police Department's "Prescription Pill Drop-off Point" which is located in the lobby of the Police Department. The Prescription Pill Drop-off Point allows citizens to dispose of prescriptions as well as over-the-counter drugs that are expired or unneeded.

The Prescription Pill Drop-off Point is provided to the citizens of Coos Bay through a partnership between the Coos Bay Police Department, CH2M Hill, and the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT); and it is in response to the growing demand for a safe and convenient way to get rid of household drugs. The program aims to reduce the quantity of unused medications entering the environment and the amount of drugs available for diversion, theft, and accidental poisoning. Medications flushed down the toilet or drain can contaminate water supplies. The Prescription Pill Drop-off Point is a central location for safe disposal. There are similar disposal programs throughout the country and locally in North Bend.

The items that can be disposed of at the Prescription Pill Drop-off Point:

- Expired and unused prescription drugs (non-narcotics and narcotics)
- Over-the-counter drugs
- Medication samples
- Medicated ointment/lotion
- Drops
- Inhalers
- Herbals
- Veterinary medications

Items that should not be placed in the box include needles, bio-hazardous materials, lancets, mercury products, electronic glucose monitors, and illegal drugs.

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