

## Dispose to Protect: **Our Families Community Environment**

Eliminating unused and unwanted medications from your home helps to keep your family and community safe. By properly disposing of your prescriptions, you are contributing to the safety and well-being of your community's youth: the abuse of prescription and over the counter medications are on the rise due in part to these drugs being easily accessible. According to the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) more than 2.1 million teens ages 12 to 17 reported abusing prescription drugs. Environmental safety is also important. By properly disposing of these toxic medicines we are working towards reducing our carbon footprint.

NEVER flush or pour unused medicine down the drain.



Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all the medicines from the waste stream. Drugs can end up going through the plants and directly to our lakes and rivers. Various levels of antibiotics, antidepressants, veterinary drugs, birth control hormones and other drugs have been detected in waterways across the United States.

Research suggests that hormones found in pharmaceuticals may cause abnormalities in the reproductive cycles of fish. Antibiotics in the environment may also contribute to the development of drug resistant germs.



## Barton County Medication Collection

### GotDrugs?



**Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal**

**Collection Site Location:  
Barton County Landfill  
350 NE 30 Road**

**For more information call:  
(620) 793-1898**

## How Does the Collection Work?

- Please keep medication in the original package or bottle
- Make Sure that the containers are not leaking or damaged *\*(Leaking or damaged items should be put into sealable plastic bags to prevent spilling)*
- Remove or block out any personal identification from the containers with a permanent marker
- DO NOT cover up or remove the name of medications
- It is important to make sure that the controlled substances are separated from the other medications *\*\*(Only law enforcement agencies are allowed to take back controlled substances)*



### **You Can Bring:**

- Prescription medications (Except for narcotics and controlled substances)
- Over-the-counter medications
- Medication samples
- Pet medications
- Vitamins
- Liquid medications in glass or leak-proof containers
- Medicated ointments and lotions
- Inhalers



### **DO NOT BRING:**

- Narcotics and other controlled substances
- Bloody and infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- Thermometers
- IV bags
- Needles or other sharps
- Empty medication containers
- Bandages



## When Can I Bring My Medications?



***Medications can be brought to the Barton Count Landfill during our scheduled HHW collections (Every third Saturday from 8-12 April through October) or call to set up an appointment year round.***