


<b>CHAPTER</b> Health/Medical	<b>CHAPTER</b> 03	<b>SECTION</b> 001	<b>SUBJECT</b> 40
<b>SECTION</b> Drugs and Medication		<b>DESCRIPTION</b> Medication Disposal	
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**APPLICATION:**

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**POLICY:**

This policy establishes guidelines for the proper disposal of Non Controlled and Controlled medications.

**STANDARDS:**

Medication for disposal will be overseen by the Agency Nurse in accordance with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and/or the onsite pharmacy guidelines for disposal set forth by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

**PROCEDURES:**

- Segregate discontinued, expired, damaged, or unwanted medication immediately from other medications.
- Any non-controlled medication in properly labeled medication packaging can be given to onsite pharmacy. The pharmacy will then follow disposal guidelines in accordance with the DEA.
- Any controlled medication or medication not disposed of by onsite pharmacy will be disposed of by Agency Nurse in the presence of a witness and in accordance with the DEQ disposal guidelines (chemotherapy drugs are not disposed of this way, refer back to prescribing doctor).

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1. Mix drugs (do not crush) in a disposable container with dirt, kitty litter or used coffee grounds and add a small amount of water to dissolve any solid medications. Wearing gloves is required when handling liquid medications.
  2. Seal drugs in disposable container and then place in regular trash.
  3. Document the disposal of medication, utilizing the "Disposal of Medications" form #138.
  4. Render the label on the medication packaging illegible before placing in regular trash.
- Instruct people inquiring about proper disposal of medications to find a Michigan household drug take back site in their area by visiting:  
[www.michigan.gov/deqdrugdisposal](http://www.michigan.gov/deqdrugdisposal)

**Definitions:**

Controlled Substances: Drugs, substances, and certain chemicals used to make drugs are classified in to five distinct schedules (I – V). The five schedules are found at <https://www.dea.gov/drug-scheduling> and a listing of controlled substances can be found at [https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/orangebook/c\\_cs\\_alpha.pdf](https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/orangebook/c_cs_alpha.pdf)

**References:**

Drug Enforcement Agency

Department of Environmental Control

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