

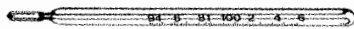
# It's Not a Bitter Pill to Swallow . . . Properly Dispose of Your Medications



Unwanted and expired medications are accepted  
at the Fulton County Health Department in Canton  
700 East Oak Street, Room 100  
Thursdays from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Questions? Call 309-647-1134, Ext. 230

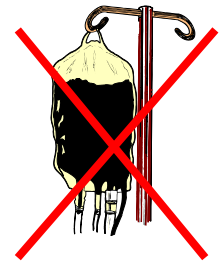
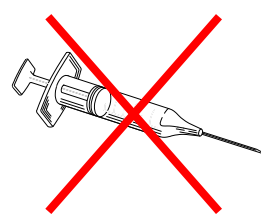
## **Acceptable items include:**

- Prescription medications
- Over-the-counter medications
- Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
- Medicated ointments and lotions
- Medication samples
- Vitamins
- Inhalers
- Mercury thermometers



## **Unacceptable items include:**

- Controlled substances  
(such as Ativan, Percocet, Vicodin, and Xanax)
- Needles and syringes
- Pet medication
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Radioactive wastes
- Aerosol cans
- IV Bags



Both pills and their containers are welcome, but please empty all pills  
into one zip-top bag. Leave liquids in their original containers.  
Please scratch or mark out any personal information on the containers.

### Why should you properly dispose of medication?

- Because medications that are flushed or thrown in the trash can contaminate drinking water and the environment
- Because Illinois is one of only 13 states with no medication disposal law or program in place; the onus is on the owner to dispose of medication properly
- Because the sale of plastic from pill containers funds jobs for recyclers



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