

The **Big Red Barrel Program** is designed to reduce misuse of prescription drugs in a community by proactive collection and disposal through safe means, utilizing a local “drop-off barrel” point. The barrels are permanent units located at police stations, and allow community members to properly dispose of their unused, unwanted or expired medication for free. All medication is then collected and transported by law enforcement officials, and disposed of in an environmentally safe, EPA-approved manner. Pharmaceutically-controlled substances are accepted including, but not limited to, OxyContin, Vicodin, and Percocet. No questions will be asked. Our motto is “Don’t flush, toss, share, or save for later. Use the Big Red Barrel.”

There are three simple steps to the process:

1. Bring your unused, expired, or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter pills, in their original containers, to the Sheriff’s Station in the lower level of the Manchester Village Office, 912 City Road. The hours for drop-off are: **8am-4:30pm M-F, and during library hours**).
2. Place medications in the plastic bags provided at the drop-off chute located in the hallway at the Sheriff’s Station. Seal the bags and deposit in the chute. Do not place any containers with your personal information in the barrel.
3. Feel good about doing the right thing to protect our kids, and our environment!

**Please note: Only solid medicines are accepted. NO SHARPS** (EpiPens, hypodermics, etc.), and **NO LIQUIDS are accepted.**

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