

*Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Psalm 37:3*


According to the American Academy of Pediatrics<sup>1</sup>, 50,000 children under the age of 5 go to the Emergency Room each year for poisoning from improperly stored medications.

Taking the time to properly store medication can protect children from harmful and even deadly ingestion.

## Prioritize safety as you spring clean.


### For permanent safe disposal drop off locations:



- Trinity Health Hospitals have drop boxes. Look for the **Bright Green Bin**.
- Google Maps can help. Type in "drug disposal near me" or "medication disposal near me" to find your nearest drug disposal location.
- Michigan Open Permanent Disposal Location Locator 

For the Michigan Open Permanent Disposal Location Locator, scan the QR code or visit: <https://michigan-open.org/initiatives/safe-storage-and-disposal/>



**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** is April 26, 2025. This day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. 

For Take Back Day drop off locations, scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday#resources>



**Need to dispose of a Cancer Medication?** Cancer medications (Unused and unopened) can be donated and provided to someone in need year-round, thanks to the YesRx network. Trinity Health Hospitals are donation sites. Learn more about the YesRx network: <https://yesrx.org/>

### References and Resources

<sup>1</sup>Healthychildren.org - <https://bit.ly/3DPie4p>

[Safekids.org](https://www.safekids.org) For more information: <https://www.safekids.org/blog/how-keep-kids-safe-around-medicine>