

**Wausau Police Dept**

515 Grand Avenue, Wausau  
Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm in Lobby  
No Holiday Drop Off

**Everest Metro Police Dept**

5303 Mesker Street, Weston  
Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm in Lobby  
No Holiday Drop Off

**Rothschild Police Dept**

211 Grand Ave, Rothschild  
Open 24 hrs/day in Lobby  
365 Days per Year

**Colby-Abbotsford Police Dept\***

112 W Spruce Street, Abbotsford  
Mon, Wed & Fri, 8am-5pm  
Tues & Thurs, 8am-1pm in Lobby  
\*If traveling long distance, suggested to call  
715-223-4944 to ensure availability

**Kronenwetter Police Dept**

1582 Kronenwetter Drive, Kronenwetter  
Open 24 hrs/day, Outside Access  
365 Days per Year

**Over-the-counter &  
prescription medications**

- Bring in original containers
- Remove or cover all personal information

**Items Not Allowed**

- Radioactive Chemo Drugs or IV bags
- No needles or syringes

**Thank you  
for your support!**

*Aspirus Pharmacy  
AOD Partnership Council  
Brickner's of Wausau  
Colby-Abbotsford Police Dept.  
Everest Metro Police Dept.  
Kronenwetter Police Dept.  
Marathon Co. Building  
Maintenance Dept.  
Marathon Co. Parks Dept.  
Marathon Co. Dept. of  
Medical Examiner  
Marathon Co. Health Dept.  
Marathon Co. Sheriff's Dept  
Marathon Co. Solid Waste Dept.  
Rothschild Police Department  
Shopko Pharmacy (Wausau,  
Rothschild, & Abbotsford)  
Target Pharmacy  
Walgreens Pharmacy  
Wausau Police Dept.  
Young's Drug Store*

**For More Information**  
Marathon Co Solid Waste &  
Recycling Line 1-877-270-3989  
or visit  
[healthymarathoncounty.org](http://healthymarathoncounty.org)

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**Marathon County  
Medication  
Drop-Box  
Program**



Providing a safe  
place to dispose of  
unwanted &  
unused medications  
since January 2010



## ***Why use a medication drop off?***

**Protects the environment**  
Studies have found traces of different pharmaceuticals in wastewater throughout the United States. Do NOT flush or pour them down the a drain or sink.

**Increases public safety**  
According to the *National Survey on Drug Abuse & Health*, 70% of those 12 yrs & older who abuse non-medical painkillers are obtained through a friend or relative, both legally and illegally.

**Improves public health**  
Throwing unused or unwanted medications in the trash, or leaving them out can lead to dangerous unintended exposure to people or animals. Treat and store both prescription and over-the-counter drugs like any other poison.

## ***What is the problem?***

Every day, 2,200 youth age 12 to 17 abuse a pain reliever for the first time. In 2008, nearly 2 million teens age 12 to 17 reported abusing prescription drugs.

Among 12 to 13 year olds, prescription medications are now their drug of choice.

Since 1997, there has been over a 400% increase in those seeking treatment for non-medical use of prescription painkillers.

In 2004, nearly half of all emergency room visits resulting from over-the-counter cough or cold remedies were patients between 12 to 20.

Emergency room visits for the non-medical use of prescription or over-the-counter medications are now comparable to illicit drugs, such as heroin or cocaine.

Source: SAMHSA, *2008 National Survey on Drug Use & Health* (Sept 2009)

## ***How can I tell if my loved one is abusing these drugs?***

- Problems at school or work
- Neglected appearance
- Changes physical health (constricted pupils, slurred speech or flushed skin)
- Personality changes, mood swings or irritability
- Missing or unfamiliar pills
- Empty bottles or packages
- Running out of pills quickly, losing pills, or requesting refills
- Borrowing money or having extra cash



## ***What can I do about it?***

**Think of your home . . .**

- ◆ *What prescription & over-the-counter medications do you have?*
- ◆ *Where are they kept?*
- ◆ *What is the expiration date?*
- ◆ *Would you know if some were missing?*

**Secure, Monitor & Dispose**