



GREEN NEWS

Safely Dispose of Medications!

Starting September 17th, the WHBHD will provide **FREE** Deterra Bags for safe medication disposal to West Hartford and Bloomfield residents.

WHAT ARE THEY?

The **Deterra Drug Deactivation** and Disposal System is a simple, environmentally safe way to get rid of unused/unwanted/expired medications!

Why do we need safe medication disposal?

- Properly disposing of unneeded drugs helps prevent them from being misused or stolen.
- Keeping children, pets, and others safe from accidentally ingesting unused or expired drugs.
- Help keep unused medications out of our water and soil.



WHERE?

You can pick up a bag at **580 Cottage Grove Rd, Suite 100, Bloomfield, CT between 7:30 AM and 3 PM.**
No appointment is needed!
Proof of residency is required (ID, mail).

Some additional state and nationwide info that you may find useful:

DEEP: The CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection has a great resource that offers alternative disposal methods. For more information, visit: <https://shorturl.at/zVgcz>.

Drug Take Back Program: A great opportunity for the community to safely dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused controlled substances and medication twice yearly. More info: www.dea.gov/takebackday.

QUESTIONS? Please call the WHBHD at 860-561-7900.

580 Cottage Grove Rd, Suite 100, Bloomfield, CT, 06002



West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THE UNSAFE DISPOSAL OF MEDICATIONS



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The Bloomfield Police Department recently discontinued its lobby drop-off box for disposing medication. Inappropriate materials were being deposited causing safety concerns for personnel. In response, the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District worked with the Town of

Bloomfield and is offering a new disposal option. Starting September 17th, the WHBHD will provide free Deterra Bags (at 580 Cottage Grove Road, Suite 100) to Bloomfield and West Hartford residents.

Additionally, the WHBHD created a flyer (shown here) listing the different options available for the safe disposal of medications. This flyer is also posted on the Town of Bloomfield's CEEC recycling page, and also on the DPW Trash/Recycling page under documents.

Please be a good neighbor and do your part to properly dispose of unneeded medications. Keep others safe, and help keep drugs out of our soil and water.