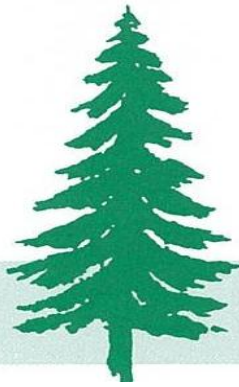


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### TAKE IT TO THE BOX MEDICATION DISPOSAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Crow Wing County recently initiated the "Take it to the Box" program designed to accept unneeded medication from citizens. This program has been active for six months, and to date has collected over 330 pound of pharmaceutical medication. The medication is disposed of in a healthy, environmentally safe way through incineration. Proper disposal also prevents medication misuse/abuse and protects groundwater resources by keeping the medication out of the county landfill.

The medication disposal boxes are located at three sites within Crow Wing County. The drop off box at each site will accept unneeded over-the-counter medications, prescription and narcotic medications from community members. There is no cost to drop of unneeded medications.

Drop-off sites are open Monday-Friday. Hours and locations include:

Crow Wing County Sheriff's Department  
Contact: Deputy Denny Lasher  
304 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
HOURS: 8am – 5pm

City of Breezy Point Police Department  
8361 County Road 11  
Breezy Point, MN 56472  
HOURS: 8am – 3:30pm

City of Crosby Police Department  
2 2nd Street SW  
Crosby, MN 56441  
HOURS: 8am – 5pm

Citizens are asked to leave medications in the original container and to remove names and other identifying information from the container. It is important to leave the name of the medication on the container and to drop all medication bottles into one of the three disposal locations listed above. This program does not accept syringes, needles or sharps. These items can be disposed of by placing them in an empty laundry detergent container. When the container is full, put the cover on, tape it shut and dispose of it in the trash (not recycling). Chemotherapy or radiological medicine is also not accepted. To properly dispose of these items, citizens must work with their health care facility for proper disposal.

Crow Wing County is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact either the Environmental Services Solid Waste Office at (218) 824-1290 or Community Services at (218) 824-1077 for more information. Citizens may also visit the Crow Wing County Web Site [www.co.crow-wing.mn.us](http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us) and search for "Take It To The Box".

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