



## Russell Police Department Rx Drug Drop Off

The Russell Police Department is pleased to provide a free, secured collection site where residents can bring their unwanted medications for safe disposal. The items that can be dropped off are unwanted and expired prescriptions, over the counter pain relievers and medications, pet medications, vitamins, or any other medications that need safe disposal.

This concern is highlighted with seven (7) million Americans abusing controlled substances. This number is greater than the number of Americans abusing illegal drugs such as Heroin or Cocaine. Prescription pain relievers are now the new drug of choice over Marijuana and these pain killers cause more overdose deaths than Cocaine. Removal of these unwanted items from our homes will help in reducing drug abuse and accidental poisoning.

By removing the unwanted medications from our homes and dropping them off at the Police Department secured location, we can also reduce the amount of unwanted medications in our water system. For years, medications were washed down the drain. Now these medications are being found in our water system, rivers, and streams.

Before dropping off unwanted medications residents should remove or black out their personal information. Medications should be left in their original container. The drop off site is NOT equipped to receive liquids, needles, or syringes.

The well-marked drug drop box is located in the lobby of the Russell Police Department 14820 Chillicothe Road. There are no forms to fill out or information to provide, just place the unwanted medication in the box. The Russell Police Department is in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Before bringing your medications, please review the lists below of allowable items, as well as those items we will not accept.

**Accepted items include:**

- Expired or unwanted prescription medications
- Unknown tablets or capsules
- Unwanted over-the-counter medications
- Veterinary medications

**We do NOT accept:**

- Thermometers
- Needles or syringes
- Medical waste of any type
- Non-medicated over-the-counter items
- Bathroom products, such as personal hygiene items
- Non-medical chemicals of any type