Sharps such as syringe needles, lancets and razor blades are not accepted in the collection programs for unwanted medicines or in local recycling programs.

Sharps may be placed in the household trash once a few precautions are followed. Used sharps should be inserted in a sturdy plastic container, such as an empty laundry detergent bottle, with a tight lid taped in place. The container should then be marked “Do Not Recycle” and placed in the trash.

The collection programs for unwanted medicine were implemented to provide residents with a safe, secure disposal method and to reduce the risks of drug misuse, accidental poisonings and pollution.

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Collection programs in Macon County for household prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and supplements.
**Drop-off Locations**

**Macon County Law Enforcement Center**
333 S. Franklin St., Decatur
Collection box is in the lobby.
Open 24 hours everyday.

**Maroa City Hall**
120 S. Locust St., Maroa
Collection box is in the lobby.
Open Monday—Friday, 9 a.m. to noon & 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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**What to bring . . .**

**Accepted items** include pills, tablets, lozenges, capsules, liquids, creams, ointments and syrups:

- Prescription medicines
- Over-the-counter medicines
- Vitamins & supplements
- Pet medications

Medicines should be kept in their original containers with the name of the medicine clearly labeled, although individuals may choose to mark out their personal information.

**Items not accepted** include sharps, such as needles and lancets, as well as inhalers, aerosols, thermometers, medical waste, institutional waste and commercial waste.