

Chicago, Illinois

Program Overview: The City of Chicago began its program in 2003 with annual one-day collection events at 25 locations throughout Chicago's city and suburbs (population 9,661,840) for four years. The program was spearheaded by the Chicago Police Department and targeted older adults. During the 4 years, approximately 6,000 lb of medicines were collected.

At the same time, the City of Chicago also opened a permanent state-of-the-art recycling facility mainly designed for computer and electronics recycling, used motor oil, paints and other household hazardous wastes (Goose Island). Collection of pharmaceuticals at the facility (non-controlled) began in 2007.

In 2008, the City of Chicago received funding to establish permanent collection containers at 5 police stations. Between Oct 2008 and Oct 2009, nearly 1,000 lb of unwanted medicines have been collected at the police stations.

Key Motivation: The Chicago Police Department spearheaded this effort, originally targeting older citizens because of the potential for identity theft and other privacy issues when seniors dispose of pills and pill bottles in the trash.

Organizing Body: This collection program is currently being operated by the City of Chicago with support from the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Chicago Police Department, Chicago Department on Aging, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Illinois TRIAD, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Collaborators: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5's Waste, Pesticides, and Toxics Division, the Great Lakes National Program Office, and Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant also helped to facilitate the event. Several other federal agencies, including the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also participated.

Cost: The original Earth Day Region 5 grant to the city of Chicago for the police station program was \$50,000. This covered the purchase of the containers, advertising and some disposal costs.

Outcome: To date, through the one-day collections over 4 years and the ongoing collection program at 5 police stations and the Goose Island Recycling facility, over 7,000 lb of pharmaceuticals have been collected and properly disposed.

Sites: One-day unwanted medicines locations throughout Chicago, Cook County, and Naperville, Illinois and the five police stations with ongoing 24 hour collection:

Chicago Locations

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| • West Lawn Park | 4233 West 65 th Street |
| • Mather's More Than a Café | 33 East 83 rd Street |
| • Chicago Police Dept. 5 th District | 727 East 11 th Street |
| • Chicago Police Dept. 9 th District | 3501 South Lowe Avenue |
| • Swedish Covenant Hospital | 2751 West Winona Street |

- Chicago Police Dept. 16th District 5151 North Milwaukee Avenue
- Chicago Police Dept. 17th District 4650 North Pulaski Road
- Mt. Sinai Hospital California Avenue at 15th Street
- Chicago Police Dept. 15th District 5701 West Madison Street
- Metcalfe Federal Building, 2nd Floor 77 W. Jackson Blvd.

Suburban Locations

- Thornton Township Senior Center Calumet City
- Orland Township Senior Center Orland Park
- Stickney Township Senior Center Burbank
- Worth Township Senior Center Alsip
- Matteson Police Department Matteson
- Maine Township Senior Center Park Ridge
- Northfield Township Hall Glenview
- Schaumburg Township Senior Center Hoffman Estates
- The Wellness Center NW Community Healthcare Arlington Heights
- Village of Skokie, Office of Human Services Skokie
- Southwest Suburban Center on Aging LaGrange
- Casa San Carlo Retirement Community Northlake
- Forest Park Senior Center Forest Park
- Naperville Police Department Naperville

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