

Kendall County, Illinois

Program Overview: Kendall County has developed an ongoing collection program to allow residents to dispose of unused drugs safely year-round rather than requiring them to wait for a single-day collection event. Medicine drop-offs are accepted daily at the Yorkville police department, which is centrally located in the county. The program is available from 8 am to 5 pm every Monday-Friday starting July 2, 2007. Because the collection takes place under the supervision of law enforcement, both controlled and non-controlled medicines can be accepted.

On an as-needed basis, the Yorkville Police Department will request the pharmacists' expertise in segregating the controlled from the non-controlled substances. The non-controlled will be packaged in containers supplied by Illinois EPA, who will coordinate pick-up with their HHW contractor. The controlled substances will be destroyed by the Yorkville Police Department along with the other contraband collected during normal law enforcement operations.

The collection was initially publicized through organizations such as senior citizens' groups including the Kendall County TRIAD and Health Department's senior programs. The program was phased in with these organizations first and then expanded to the community at large via TV and newspaper advertising. Newspaper articles in the *Aurora Beacon News* and *Kendall County Record* were used to open the program to the general public. A talk-radio program on WSPY and TV program on WAUR channel 30 were also used to further publicize the collection. Fortunately in Kendall County all advertisement time was donated by the respective stations or papers.

Additionally, Kendall County [adapted the informational trifold brochure](#) developed by Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant. These brochures were distributed at local Senior Centers and at the Health Department.

Collection Site: Police Station

Key Motivation: The Yorkville Police Department and the County were pursuing a collection at the same time. The County's main goal was to protect the environment and the Yorkville Police Department's main goal was to help seniors dispose of unwanted medications properly.

Organizing Body: Kendall County Health Department and Kendall County TRIAD.

Partners:

Yorkville Police Department

Illinois EPA

Oscoda Drug

Kendall County State's Attorney's Office

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

Illinois County Solid Waste Management Association

Yorkville-Bristol Sanitary District

Radio station WSPY

Television station WAUR

Aurora Beacon News and *Kendall County Record* newspapers

Level of Implementation: The collection was organized at the county level but is intended to serve out of county residents as well.

Cost: Illinois EPA provided for the transportation and disposal of the collected non-controlled medicine waste. (In 2007, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency offered to fund transportation and disposal of non-controlled medicines collected through county-organized collections.)

Osco Pharmacy provided an in-kind donation of its pharmacists' time and expertise.

The Yorkville Police Department provided the in-kind donation of its building and officer time to hold the collection and also provided safe and secure disposal of controlled medicines.

Publicity was aided by donations of advertising time on radio station WSPY and television station WAUR and articles in the *Aurora Beacon News* and *Kendall County Record* newspapers.

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Outcome: Collection statistics are not yet available (collection began July 2007).

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