



• • Don't Be the Supplier • •

Awareness and access to prescription & OTC drugs has increased.

The GOOD part – our society is more familiar and educated about prescription & OTC drugs and the conditions they treat. New drugs replace older ones and are more effective.

The BAD part - education and access are not always good for teenagers. The most immediate source of prescription and OTC drugs is your own medicine cabinet or the medicine cabinet of friends.

Deposit Locations

Drop off unused, unwanted or expired drugs at the following locations:

Mobile County Sheriff's Office (24hr/day)
South Side Substation (south of I-10)
5808 US Highway 90 W
Theodore, AL 36582
251-574-8727

Mobile Police Headquarters (1st Tues/Month)
2460 Government Street (8am-5pm)
Mobile, AL 36606
251-208-1700

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Mobile County Sheriff's Office
(251) 574-2423



City of Mobile Police Department
(251) 208-1700



Mobile United / Leadership Mobile
(251) 432-1638



Drug Education Council
(251) 478-7855



Mobile Baykeeper
(251) 433-4229



Mobile Co. District Attorney's Office
(251) 574-5775



Alabama ABC Board
(251) 653-0015



Mobile Area Water & Sewer System
(251) 694-3100



Mobile County Commission
(251) 574-4636



RBC Bank USA
(800) 236-8872



Walgreens
(800) 925-7336
www.walgreens.com

- For elderly citizens who need unwanted drugs picked up, call: **Mobile PD at (251) 208-1700**
- For more information call: **Mobile County Sheriff's Office at (251) 574 -2423**

Operation Medicine Cabinet



Safe Drug Drop-off

Rid *your* cabinets of unused, unwanted or expired drugs



**Protect Our Kids
Protect Our Waters**

Protect Our Kids

Prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications are fast becoming a dangerous part of teenage gatherings. “Pharm Parties” are more common as kids experiment & use prescription and OTC drugs to get high. A survey of teenagers by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America found that

- 1 in 5 teens has tried **Vicodin**—a powerful, addictive narcotic pain reliever
- 1 in 10 has tried **OxyContin**—a prescription narcotic
- 1 in 10 has used stimulant **Ritalin** or **Adderall** for nonmedical purposes
- 1 in 11 teens have admitted to getting high on cough syrup

For More Information:
[www.teamsheriff.org/
operationmedicinecabinet](http://www.teamsheriff.org/operationmedicinecabinet)

Local Statistics

In recent local and national surveys, Mobile County students

- in grades 6 through 10, report rates of illicit drug use are above the national average
- average age of first use for prescription drugs has decreased, meaning kids are experimenting with prescription drugs at a younger age



OK to Deposit:

- OTC medications such as expired cough syrup
- Prescription samples & medications
- Medication samples
- Prescriptions for household pets
- Medicated lotions or ointments

Not OK to Deposit:

- Needles or other sharp objects
- Thermometers
- Hazardous waste
- Trash/empty containers

Please keep medications in their original containers and remove or black out all personal information.

Many - particularly teens – believe prescription drugs are safer than illicit drugs because they are prescribed by a healthcare provider and sold behind the counter. **WRONG!**

Protect Our Waters

Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to break down or remove drugs flushed into the water system.

The results include:

- Contaminated soil, rivers and streams and groundwater
- Polluted waterways that can be harmful to marine life & the environment
- Drinking water that can contain traces of antibiotics and other drugs

Operation Medicine Cabinet commits to disposing of unwanted drugs in an environmentally safe way.



Big Creek Lake

Mobile County's source of drinking water