



# Village of Sherman **Prescription Drug Disposal Program**

**The Problem** - Many pharmaceuticals are getting past our waste water treatment plants and getting into our drinking water. Studies have found antibiotics, anti-depressants, birth control, cancer treatments, pain killers, tranquilizers as well as many other drugs in water tested.

**The Solution** – The Village offers residents to anonymously drop off drugs into a locked vault. The vault is similar in design as to a mail post box. Only law enforcement will be able to open the vault in order to dispose of the drugs. The Sherman Police Department will, on a regular scheduled basis, empty the Drug Storage Vault and the Illinois State Police will transport the drugs to a designated burn disposal site. Village Officials highly recommend that each resident utilize the system and not throw their old drugs into the garbage or sewer system.

**Disposal Location** - The Prescription Drug Disposal vault is available to be used 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (24/7) at the Sherman Police Department (2629 W. Andrew Rd.) main entrance lobby right inside the door.

## **Items Accepted**

- Prescription medications (except controlled\*)
- All over-the-counter medications
- Pet medications
- Vitamins & Supplements
- Medicated ointments, lotions, creams & oils
- Liquid medication in leak-proof containers
- Homeopathic Remedies
- Suppositories

## **Not Accepted**

- Needles/sharps
- Syringes with needles
- Thermometers
- Controlled\* prescriptions
- IV bags
- Bloody or infectious waste
- Personal care products
- Empty containers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Aerosol cans
- Full inhalers

\* Any drug as defined in the five categories of the federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970. These medications are categorized by “schedules” based on their potential for abuse or addiction. They range from Schedule I, or C1 (illegal drugs) to C2 to C5 which indicates a decrease in potential for abuse or addiction. The schedules cover opium (and other opiates), hallucinogens, as well as prescriptions containing narcotics or amphetamines.