



• • 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

## Operation Medicine Cabinet Partners



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](http://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



### 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.

For More Information:  
[www.mobileso.com/  
operationmedicinecabinet](http://www.mobileso.com/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



**Big Creek Lake**  
Mobile County's source of drinking water