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**Eau Claire County residents are encouraged to dispose of unused medications**

**Eau Claire, Wis. - April 23, 2021** – When was the last time you cleaned out your medicine cabinet? If you cannot remember, now is the time to get rid of expired and unused medications. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day will be held on **Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the Altoona Police Department and Marshfield Medical Center – Eau Claire.** National Prescription Drug Take-Back days increase the awareness of safe medication disposal locations in Eau Claire County.

Residents are encouraged to safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications. This could prevent harm and potentially save a life. Dropping of medications is anonymous and quick!

Everyone plays a role to keep the community safe from prescription drug misuse. Over 70% of people who misuse prescription painkillers (also known as opioids) get them from people they know.

“We make our homes and communities safer when we provide locations to safely dispose of medications when they are no longer needed. Our number one goal is to prevent misuse,” says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Public Health Specialist.

**For more information about safe medication disposal in Eau Claire County, visit:**  
**[www.GetInvolvedASAP.org](http://www.GetInvolvedASAP.org).**



*The National Prescription Drug Take-Back event is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and is coordinated locally by the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Department, Marshfield Clinic Health System and Eau Claire City-County Health Department.*

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