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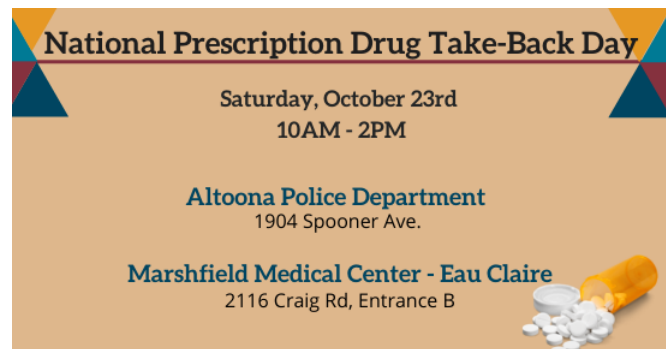
Free Medicine Disposal Event in Eau Claire County on October 23rd

Eau Claire, Wis. – October 21, 2021 – Community members are encouraged to safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications during the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. 70% of people who misuse prescription opioids got their first pill from a family member or friend. Help prevent misuse in our county by safely disposing of medication. This year's event will be held on Saturday, **October 23rd from 10am to 2pm in Altoona at the Police Department** (1904 Spooner Ave) and in **Eau Claire at Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire** (curbside service at 2116 Craig Rd, Medical Offices, Entrance B).

Dropping off medication is anonymous and quick!

Medications accepted include: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, and pet medications.

- Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed. Liquids will be accepted at both locations.
- Liquids, creams, and sprays must be in their original packaging.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back days increase public awareness of safe medication disposal locations to prevent medicine from being accidentally swallowed or misused. Thank you to the community members who have brought in almost 34,000 pounds of medication through permanent Take-Back locations and biannual events since 2012. You are helping protect your family, friends, pets, and the community by safely disposing of unused medication.

“Unused medicines that are left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn’t be using them. This could lead to drug overdose or accidental poisoning. Proper disposal is one way to reduce misuse of prescription medications,” Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Public Health Specialist.

For more information, visit the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention: 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, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention coalition.

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