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Free Medicine Disposal Event in Eau Claire County on Saturday, April 30th

Eau Claire, Wis. – April 26, 2022 – Make it a habit to safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications during the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day! Dropping off medication is anonymous, easy, and free.

This year's event will be held on **Saturday, April 30th 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, Door B).

Medications accepted include prescription 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.
- Liquid medications, creams, and sprays must be in their original packaging.

Thank you everyone who dropped off medications during the Prescription Drug Take-Back event in October. Over 1,000 pounds of medication was collected! By safely disposing of unused medication, you help protect your family, friends, pets, and the community.

Proper disposal is one way to reduce misuse of prescription medications. "Leaving unused opioid medication in the home can increase the chance of other people finding and using them. Younger children or pets may find them and accidentally swallow the medication. This could lead to an accidental poisoning," says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Public Health Specialist.

If you are unable to participate on Saturday, do not flush medication. Medication drop boxes are available year-round. Find a location near you by visiting the Alliance for Substance Misuse Prevention website: 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 Misuse Prevention coalition.

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