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Safely dispose of leftover medication at free event in Altoona, Eau Claire, Fall Creek

Eau Claire, April 14, 2022 – Have leftover or unused medications? Drop them off for disposal during a free event in Altoona, Eau Claire, and Fall Creek on Saturday, April 22. Keeping unused medications inside your house makes it more likely other people may find and misuse them, which could lead to an overdose or accidental poisoning – dispose of your unused medication and help save a life!

This year's prescription drug take-back events will be held **Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at **Altoona Emergency Services** (1904 Spooner Ave.), **Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire** (curbside drop-off at 2116 Craig Rd., Medical Offices, Door B – see below for map), and **Fall Creek Village Hall** (122 E. Lincoln Avenue). Dropoff is anonymous, fast, and free: Just open your medicine cabinet, gather what you no longer need, remove or cover up personal information on the prescription label, and drop off at one of the three local sites.

Community members are encouraged to drop off prescription and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials, and even pet medications.

- Blister packages are acceptable if the medications haven't been removed.
- Liquid medications, creams, and sprays must be in their original packaging.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day
Saturday, April 22nd, 10am - 2 pm

Marshfield Medical Center - Eau Claire
curbside service
2116 Craig Road
Medical Offices - Door B

Altoona Emergency Services
1904 Spooner Avenue

Fall Creek Village Hall
122 E. Lincoln Avenue

In the last 10 years, more than 34,600 pounds of medication has been gathered in Eau Claire County from Take-Back events and local permanent medication drop boxes. Make it a habit to review your medications and dispose of any that you no longer need or any that's expired.

“Take a few minutes next Saturday to safely dispose of unused or expired medications at one of the three drop-off locations in our county,” says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Public Health Specialist with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. “This is an easy way to remove medications from your home, which prevents younger children or pets from accidentally finding and consuming the medication.”

If you can't participate on Saturday, do not flush your medication. In Eau Claire County, 12 permanent medication drop boxes are available year-round. Find a drop box near you by visiting: 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, Village of Fall Creek Police Department, and the Eau Claire Health Alliance coalition.

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