



# NEWS RELEASE



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## MAHONING COUNTY AGENCIES TAKING BACK UNUSED MEDICATION Saturday, October 28, 2017

Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications play an important role in treating certain conditions and diseases. However, many are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications also need to be disposed of properly to avoid harm to our environment.

You can properly dispose of unused, unwanted, and expired pills/patches at the national *Take Back Day* event which is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and area community partners. On **Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, unused, unwanted, and expired pills/patches (no sharps/needles, liquids, inhalers, or medical waste) can be brought to the Mahoning County sites listed below. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Drug take back boxes are also available at these and other locations across Mahoning County year round.

**Austintown Police Department –  
Outdoor Drive-Thru**  
92 Ohltown Road  
Austintown, OH 44515

**Milton Township Police Department**  
15992 Milton Avenue  
Lake Milton, OH 44429

**Beaver Police Department – Front Lobby**  
601 West South Range Road  
North Lima, OH 44452

**New Middletown Police Department –  
Municipal Building**  
10711 Main Street  
New Middletown, OH 44442

**Boardman Police Department**  
8299 Market Street  
Boardman, OH 44512

**Springfield Township Police Department**  
3475 E. South Range Road  
New Springfield, OH 44443

**Canfield Police Department**  
104 Lisbon Street  
Canfield, OH 44406

**YSU Police Department**  
266 W. Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44555

50 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515  
Phone: 330-270-2855 or Toll-Free: 1-800-873-MCHD

[www.mahoninghealth.org](http://www.mahoninghealth.org)



The national *Take Back Day* event addresses an important role in preventing pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends from the home medicine cabinet. Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them away in the trash is not recommended because of potential safety and health hazards.

For more information or to verify additional participating locations, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).

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