



NEWS RELEASE



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MAHONING COUNTY AGENCIES TAKING BACK UNUSED MEDICATION Saturday, October 27, 2018

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 DEA National Prescription *Take Back Day* event which is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and area community partners. On **Saturday, October 27th, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, unused, unwanted, and expired pills/patches (no sharps/needles, liquids, creams, 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

Canfield Police Department
104 Lisbon Street
Canfield, OH 44406

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

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

Boardman Police Department
8299 Market Street
Boardman, OH 44512

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

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

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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.

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