



Police accepting unwanted prescription drugs at five sites

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On Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dayton Police Department will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Drug Take Back Day. The event gives residents a chance to help prevent drug abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring prescription drugs for disposal to one of the following five drop-off sites in Dayton (please note: liquids and needles/sharps cannot be accepted; pills or patches are acceptable).

Dayton Police Headquarters - 335 W. Third St.
Central Patrol Operations Division - 248 Salem Ave.
East Patrol Operation Division North - 417 E. Helena St.
East Patrol Operations Division South - 2721 Wayne Ave.
West Patrol Operations Division - 951 Washington St.

The drug drop-off is free and anonymous, no questions asked. If you can't drop off your expired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs on April 29, the five Dayton sites all have drug drop off boxes available for use Monday through Friday during business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons of prescription drugs. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back Day events, the DEA and its partners have taken in more than 7.1 million pounds of drugs.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from

home medicine cabinets. In addition, Americans are now advised that disposal of unused medicines by flushing them down a toilet or throwing them in the trash poses potential safety and health hazards. For more information, visit the [DEA online](#).

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