



Drop off unwanted prescription drugs at five Dayton Police sites

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On Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Dayton Police Department will participate in the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

This opportunity gives local residents a chance to help prevent drug abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The drug drop-off is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Bring prescription drugs for disposal to one of five drop-off sites around the city of Dayton. Please note: Liquids, needles or sharps cannot be accepted; drop off pills or patches only.

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

If you can't bring in your unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs on October 28, the five Dayton sites have drug drop-off boxes available for use Monday through Friday during business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

For more information on Drug Take Back Day, go to takebackday.dea.gov.

In April 2017, Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs. In 13 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have taken in more than 8.1 million pounds of pills.

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. Americans are now advised that disposing of unused medicines by flushing them down a toilet or throwing them in the trash poses potential safety and health hazards.

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