

# NEWS RELEASE

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## WAUKESHA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL HOST PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY ON OCTOBER 26TH TO FIGHT OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The City of Pewaukee and the Village of Sussex, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at two locations from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Metro Market - N65 W24838, N65W24838 Main St, Sussex, WI 53089

Walmart - 411 Pewaukee Rd, Pewaukee, WI 53072

“Drug Take Back Day provides a great opportunity to safely dispose of your unused and unwanted medications,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “Please consider bringing your unwanted medications to a Drug Take Back event or permanent drug drop box for disposal.”

This effort will continue to bring focus to the issue of prescription medication or drug abuse in Wisconsin. Drug Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of these medications. Find your nearest drug disposal location: [www.doseofrealitywi.gov](http://www.doseofrealitywi.gov)

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all pharmaceuticals and trace amounts are showing up in rivers and lakes.

### **GUIDELINES:**

All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household – no businesses are allowed.

**Bring:** Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, inhalers, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications. Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices (batteries removed).

**Do Not Bring:** Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, acids, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas), mercury thermometers.

- Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag. Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages without the medications being removed are acceptable.
- Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

Community members are also reminded that many drug disposal boxes are open year-round.