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**Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**  
*Safe Use. Safe Storage. Safe Disposal.*

**WISCONSIN DRUG TAKE BACK DAY, APRIL 28TH**

**Eau Claire, WI, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Prescription Drug Take Back Day is coming up!**

When was the last time you cleaned out your medicine cabinet? If you can't remember the last time you did this or if you've NEVER done this before, now is the time to get rid of expired and unused prescription medications. Prescription Drug Take Back Day will be held on **April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at Marshfield Clinic – Eau Claire Center (2116 Craig Road, Entrance B).**



In Eau Claire County, over 200 high school youth reported misusing prescription drugs in the past month, and 1 in 4 high schoolers tell us it is easy to get prescription medications. Most youth that are misusing medications got them without permission. They say either a friend gave it to them, or they got them from their own home, a friend's home, or a grandparent's home.

We all play a part in keeping our community and youth drug free. The number of people who misuse prescription drugs continues to rise, reaching record numbers. Unused medications left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn't use them. This could lead to drug abuse or accidental poisoning.

The goal of Take- Back Day is to provide a safe, easy and responsible way to dispose of medication. The National Take-Back event is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and is coordinated locally by the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Eau Claire County Sherriff's Office and Marshfield Clinic.

We all have a part in keeping our youth safe from prescription medications. Help make prescription drugs less available by disposing of them properly! For more information about the Drug Take Back Day visit: [www.getinvolvedasap.org](http://www.getinvolvedasap.org) or [www.doseofreality.gov](http://www.doseofreality.gov).