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Prescription Drug Take Back Day October 27th

Safe Use. Safe Storage. Safe Disposal.

Eau Claire, WI, October 26th, 2018 – Prescription Drug Take Back Day this Saturday!

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high and continue to rise. More than 70% of people who abuse prescription painkillers get them through friends or relatives. In a recent survey, 1 in 4 Eau Claire County high school students, reported prescriptions are easy to get without permission, and say that either a friend gave it to them, found within their own home, or grandparent's.

Unused medications left in your cabinet have the potential to fall into the hands of those who shouldn't be using them. This could lead to drug abuse or accidental poisoning.

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 medication.



Instead of flushing or throwing prescription drugs away, properly dispose of them during the 1-day National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

October 27th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Marshfield Clinic – Eau Claire Center (2116 Craig Road, Entrance B)

Altoona Police Department (1904 Spooner Avenue)

We all have a part in keeping the community safe from prescription medications. Help make prescription drugs less available to be misused by disposing of them properly! For more information about what will be accepted at the Drug Take Back Day, or to learn how to dispose of medication at one of the permanent drop boxes in Eau Claire County visit: www.getinvolvedasap.org or www.doseofrealitywi.gov

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