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Eau Claire County residents are encouraged to dispose of unused prescription drugs

Eau Claire, Wis. - April 25, 2019 – It's time to clear out the medicine cabinet. On Saturday April 27th, Eau Claire is hosting their National Prescription Drug Take Back event. This event encourages residents to safely dispose of prescription drugs. The disposal is free and anonymous, no questions asked. At last year's event, Eau Claire County residents safely disposed of more than 1,500 pounds of unused prescription drugs.

Everyone plays a role to keep the community safe from prescription drugs. More than 70% of people addicted to prescription opioids got their first pills from a family member or friend – sometimes from a grandparent's medicine cabinet. It may seem harmless to share a pill with someone or to take one being offered but remember you may be contributing to an addiction.



The poster features a background of colorful pills. It includes the following text: "Medication Take Back Event" in large blue letters. Below this, two green rounded rectangles list the locations: "Marshfield Clinic - Eau Claire Center, 2116 Craig Road - Entrance B" and "Altoona Police Department, 1904 Spooner Avenue - Altoona, WI". To the right, the date and time are listed: "April 27, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm". Logos for the "Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention" and "Eau Claire City-County Health Department" are also present.

Take time to dispose of your expired and unused prescription drugs. Then they won't fall into the hands of those who shouldn't be using them.

"We make our homes and communities safer when we dispose of prescription drugs that we don't need. This makes them less available for misuse," says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, Community Health Educator.

For more information about safe prescription drug disposal in Eau Claire County, visit: www.getinvolvedasap.org.

To learn more about the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, visit: www.doseofrealitywi.gov

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