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Take-Back Day events happening Saturday in Eau Claire, Altoona, Fairchild

Eau Claire, April 20, 2026 – Clean out your medicine cabinet and drop off your unused or expired medications and sharps in Altoona, Eau Claire, or Fairchild on **Saturday, April 25**, National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

It's free, anonymous, and fast. Drop off your items on April 25 at:

- Altoona Police Department (1904 Spooner Ave.) **between 10am-2pm**
- Eau Claire County Government Center (721 Oxford Ave., in front of the main courthouse entrance) **between 10am-2pm**
- Fairchild Village Hall (331 Oak St.) **between 10am-noon**

Here's how it works: Gather your expired or unneeded medications and/or sharps. Remove or cover any personal information on the prescription label. Drive to one of the three drop-off locations. No need to leave your vehicle, just roll down your window and a volunteer will collect your items!

What's accepted:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Ointments
- Patches
- Non-aerosol sprays
- Inhalers
- Vials
- Pet medications
- Liquid medications, creams, and sprays (must be in their original packaging)
- Sharps, including needles, lancets, syringes, auto-injectors, and other sharps devices

"When you bring your expired or unused medications to a Take-Back Day event, you're helping keep your loved ones, pets, and community safer," says Sarah Dillivan-Pospisil, public health specialist with the Health Department. "Unused or expired medications kept in the home can be accidentally swallowed by children or pets, or they can fall into the hands of people who shouldn't be using them. Safe disposal helps prevent accidental poisoning, misuse, and overdose."

Last year, you helped us dispose of over 3,600 pounds of medication through Take-Back Day events and permanent medication drop boxes in the county. Thank you for making our community a safer place for all of us.

If you can't make it to the Saturday event, don't hold onto your medications, flush them, or dispose of them in the trash. There are now **13 permanent medication drop boxes and 11 sharps drop boxes available year-round throughout Eau Claire County**. Find a drop box near you by visiting www.ehealthalliance.org/news/medication-drop-box-locations or www.ehealthalliance.org/news/sharps-disposal.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back event is hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is coordinated locally by the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, Altoona Police Department, Fairchild Police Department, Eau Claire City-County Health Department, and the Eau Claire Health Alliance coalition.