



Rick Staly, Sheriff

## FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## National Drug Takeback Day Safely Disposes of 159 lbs of Prescriptions

On Saturday, October 26, residents of Flagler County utilized the National Prescription Drug Take-Back locations to safely and properly dispose of 159 pounds of unneeded or expired medication.

"I am proud of our community for stepping up and taking a short drive on Saturday to properly dispose of unneeded medications," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "If you don't need medication any longer, don't store it in your home."



Flagler Sheriff's Deputies during National Prescription Drug Take-Back on October 26, 2019.

The theme of the 2019 National Prescription Drug Take-Back was "Don't Be The Dealer." The goal is to address a crucial public safety and public health issue. Studies show that a majority of abused

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prescription drugs were obtained by family and friends, often from a home medicine cabinet.

If you have medication that you would like to turn in, please visit [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov) to find a year-round drop-off location near you.

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## National Drug Take-Back Day 2019

Flagler County residents can discard unused or expired medications during the 2019 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event scheduled for Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at three locations across the county. Flagler County Sheriff's Deputies will staff the locations as part of the event organized by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).



The poster features the DEA National Take-Back logo at the top left. The main text reads: "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M." Below this, a list of items to turn in includes: "EXPIRED OR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTIONS", "OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS", "VITAMINS OR HERBAL REMEDIES", "VETERINARY MEDICATIONS", "E-CIGARETTES\*", and "VAPE PENS\*". A note states: "\*BATTERIES MUST BE REMOVED. NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED." On the right, a graphic shows a spilled pill bottle with labels for "LOST", "STOLEN", and "MISUSED". At the bottom, it lists "PALM COAST DROP OFF SITES": "• BELLE TERRE CROSSINGS, 4950 BELLE TERRE PARKWAY", "• TOWN CENTER PLAZA, 800 BELLE TERRE PARKWAY", and "• ISLAND WALK PLAZA, 250 PALM COAST PARKWAY". The Flagler County Sheriff's Office logo and "SHERIFF RICK STALY" are in the bottom right corner.

"This is an easy and safe way to remove unwanted or unneeded medications from your home and dispose of them properly," Sheriff Rick Staly said.

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Residents can stop by any of the sites, empty the medication from its container into the collection box, and then leave. No personal information is required. After the event, all medications are turned over to the DEA to be properly disposed of to avoid contaminating local landfills or the water supply.

Drop sites will accept any expired or unwanted prescription, over-the-counter medications, vitamins or herbal remedies as well as veterinary medications. E-cigarettes and vape pens will be accepted but the batteries must be removed first. Hypodermic needles and syringes will not be accepted.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back sites will be at the following locations:

- Belle Terre Crossings, 4950 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast
- Town Center Plaza, 800 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast
- Island Walk Plaza, 250 Palm Coast Parkway, Palm Coast

Past events have safely taken in over 400 pounds of unwanted medications to be properly disposed of. For more information, visit [takebackday.dea.gov](http://takebackday.dea.gov).

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