

## Rick Staly, Sheriff FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## National Drug Take Back Day Safely Disposes of 166 Pounds of Medications

On Saturday, October 24, residents of Flagler County utilized the National Prescription Drug Take-Back locations to safely and properly dispose of 166 pounds of unneeded or expired medication.



"I am extremely proud of our community for participating in this event and ensuring that their medications were safely and properly disposed of while protecting the environment," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Holding onto medications you no longer use can be dangerous and inviting to criminals. If you don't need medication any longer, don't store it in your home and always dispose of it properly."

The goal of the 2020 National Prescription Drug Take-Back is to address a crucial public safety and public health issue. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained by family and friends, often from a home medicine cabinet.

Just because National Drug Take Back Day is over does not mean you cannot still dispose of unused medications properly. If you have medication that you would like to turn in, please visit <u>https://takebackday.dea.gov/</u> to find a year-round drop-off location near you.

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