

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

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FCSO Encourages Residents to Discard Unused or Expired Medications on National Drug Take Back Day

Flagler County residents can discard unused or expired medications during the 2021 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event scheduled for October 23, 2021, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at four locations across the county. Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Deputies will staff the locations as part of an event organized by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).



The goal of the 2021 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. Drop sites will accept any expired or unwanted prescription, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, or herbal remedies as well as veterinary medications. However, hypodermic needles and syringes will not be accepted.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back sites will be at the following locations from 10 am to 2 pm:



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- FCSO Palm Coast District Office located at 14 Palm Harbor Village Way, Palm Coast, FL 32137
- Publix located at 800 Belle Terre Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32164
- Publix located at 4950 Belle Terre Pkwy, Palm Coast, FL 32137
- Publix located at 250 Palm Coast Pkwy NE #1000, Palm Coast, FL 32137

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.

"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. "Keeping medications in your possession that you no longer use can be very dangerous. I'm asking the community to please dispose of medications you no longer need by taking advantage of the National Prescription Drug Take-Back program. A special thank you to our partners at Publix."

If you cannot attend a National Drug Take Back Day location, you can 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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