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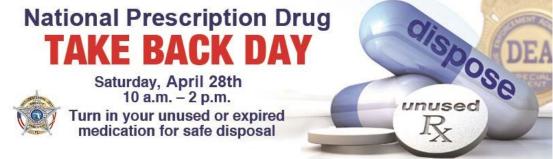
National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Flagler County residents can discard unused or expired medications during the 2018 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at four locations across the county. Law enforcement officers from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office will staff locations as part of the event organized by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"This is one of the safest and most environmentally friendly ways to remove unneeded or unwanted medications from your home and dispose of them properly," Sheriff Rick Staly said.

Residents can stop by any of the sites, empty the medication from its container into the collection box, and then drive away. No personal information is required. After the event, all medications are turned over to the DEA and properly disposed 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 and veterinary medications. Hypodermic needles and syringes <u>will not</u> be accepted.



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

- FCSO Palm Coast District Office, 160 Cypress Point Pkwy, Suite C-107, Palm Coast.
- Publix Super Market at Palm Coast Town Center, 800 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast.
- Publix Super Market at Belle Terre Crossings, 4950 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast.
- Publix Super Market at Island Walk at Palm Coast, 250 Palm Coast Parkway N.E., Palm Coast.

Past events have safely taken in over 400 pounds of unwanted medications to be properly disposed of. National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is held twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

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