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AURORA POLICE TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON OCTOBER 24 AT APD HEADQUARTERS

Do you have old unused prescription drugs laying around in your home? Drop them off this Saturday at the Aurora Police Department during the National Drug Take Back Event.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Aurora Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will provide the public the opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Aurora Police Headquarters at 1200 East Indian Trail in Aurora. (We cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This month's event is DEA's 19th nationwide event since its inception 10 years ago.

Last fall, Americans turned in nearly 883,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 6,300 sites operated by the DEA and almost 5,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. DEA, along with its law enforcement partners, has now collected nearly 6,350 tons of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription medications since the inception of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative in 2010.

To keep everyone safe, please follow COVID-19 guidelines, which require you to practice social distancing and wear a mask while inside Aurora Police Headquarters.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs.

In addition to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, there are many other ways to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs every day, including the 11,000 authorized collectors that are available all year long. For more information, visit DEA's year-round collection site locator at <https://takebackday.dea.gov>.

The FDA also provides information on how to properly dispose of prescription drugs. More information is available here: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines>.

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