

NEWS RELEASE
PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY COMING TO ONEIDA COUNTY
April 29, 2017

[**Rhineland, WI**] – On April 29, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Three Lakes Police Department, the Rhineland Police Department, the Minocqua Police Department, the Human Service Center, and the Oneida County Sheriff’s Office in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will coordinate a Prescription Drug Take Back initiative at the following locations:

Rhineland Police Department
Three Lakes Town Hall
Oneida County Landfill
Minocqua Police Department

This one-day effort will continue to bring focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. **No businesses allowed. All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household.**

The Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes around the world.

GUIDELINES:

All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household – no businesses are allowed.

Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials and pet medications.

Do Not Bring: **Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, mercury thermometers, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), flares, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc...), household hazardous waste (pesticides, chemicals, oil, or gas) or acids.**

- Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag. Plastic pill containers should not be collected. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed.
- Liquids will be accepted during this initiative. However, the liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids without the original packaging will not be accepted.

- This is an anonymous service.

Any questions can be directed to Three Lakes Police Chief Scott Lea, Rhinelander Police Captain Ron Lueneburg, Minocqua Police Officer Devon Gaszak, or Oneida County Sheriff's Captain Terri Hook.

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