



# ONEIDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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## NEWS RELEASE

### LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ONEIDA COUNTY TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS ON

OCTOBER 27, 2018

**[Oneida County, WI]** – On October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Three Lakes Police Department, the Rhinelander Police Department, the Minocqua Police Department and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Wisconsin Department of Justice will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription medication abuse and prescription medication theft by eliminating their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to one of the following sites between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

Minocqua Police Department  
Rhinelander Police Department  
Three Lakes Police Department (1733 Superior Street)  
Oneida County Landfill

**Bring:** Prescription medication (controlled and non-controlled), prescription patches over-the-counter medications including vitamins, prescription ointments, prescription lotions and prescription creams, inhalers, patches, non-aerosol sprays, liquid medications in their original containers, and pet medications.

**Please 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 (paint, pesticides, chemicals, oil, or gas) or acids.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Participants will be asked to empty their medication bottles into boxes. Blister packages are acceptable without the medication being removed. Liquids, creams, and sprays must be in their original packaging. **LIQUIDS WITHOUT THE ORIGINAL PACKAGING WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day goal is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of these medications. During the last National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 28, 2018, 63,541 lbs. of unused medications were collected from Wisconsin residents in locations all over the state. Wisconsin collected more unused medications than Minnesota, Michigan, and Iowa combined. We hope Oneida County citizens will use this opportunity to dispose of unused and unneeded medications.

If you have any questions, please contact Officer Devon Gaszak (Minocqua Police Department), Captain Hook (Oneida County Sheriff's Office), Captain Lueneburg (Rhinelander Police Department) or Chief Lea (Three Lakes Police Department).



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