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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ONEIDA COUNTY TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT SEVERAL LOCATIONS ON OCTOBER 26, 2019

[Oneida County, WI] – On October 26, 2019 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 cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) 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
Oneida County Landfill

Bring: Prescription (Controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, inhalers, patches non-aerosol sprays, creams, vials, and pet-medications. All waste pharmaceuticals must be generated by a household – no businesses are allowed.

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.

- 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 without the medications being removed are acceptable.
- 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.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Community members are also reminded that many drug disposal boxes are open year-round.

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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