



NEWS RELEASE



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MAHONING COUNTY AGENCIES TAKING BACK UNUSED MEDICATION On National Drug *Take Back Day* Saturday, April 28, 2018

Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications play an important role in treating certain conditions and diseases. However, many are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends from the home medicine cabinet. Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them away in the trash is not recommended because of potential safety and health hazards. ALL medications need to be disposed of properly.

On **Saturday, April 28th, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, unused, unwanted, and expired pills/patches (no sharps/needles, liquids, inhalers, or medical waste) can be brought to the Mahoning County sites listed below for proper disposal. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

**Austintown Police Department –
Outdoor Drive-Thru**
92 Ohltown Road
Austintown, OH 44515

Milton Township Police Department
15992 Milton Avenue
Lake Milton, OH 44429

Beaver Police Department – Front Lobby
601 West South Range Road
North Lima, OH 44452

**New Middletown Police Department –
Municipal Building**
10711 Main Street
New Middletown, OH 44442

Boardman Police Department
8299 Market Street
Boardman, OH 44512

YSU Police Department
266 W. Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44555

Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The national *Take Back Day* event can help prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous unused, unwanted, and expired prescription drugs.

50 Westchester Drive, Youngstown, Ohio 44515
Phone: 330-270-2855 or Toll-Free: 1-800-873-MCHD

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For more information or to verify additional participating locations, go to www.dea.gov. Or for a list of Mahoning County Drug Drop Boxes that are available year around, go to <http://www.drugfreemahoningcounty.org/>.

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