



NEWS RELEASE



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MAHONING COUNTY AGENCIES TAKING BACK UNUSED MEDICATION Saturday, October 22, 2016

Medicines play an important role in treating certain conditions and diseases. However, unused medicines are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. They also need to be disposed of properly to avoid harm to our environment.

You can properly dispose of unused and expired medications at the national *Take Back Day* event which is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and area community partners. On **Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, expired, unused, and unwanted medications/pills (no sharps/needles, liquids, aerosol, transdermal patches, or medical waste) can be brought to the Mahoning County sites listed below. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Austintown Police Department
92 Ohltown Road
Austintown, OH 44515

New Middletown Police Department
10711 Main Street
New Middletown, OH 44442

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

Springfield Township Police Department
3475 E. South Range Road
New Springfield, OH 44443

Boardman Police Department
8299 Market Street
Boardman, OH 44512

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

The national *Take Back Day* addresses an important public safety and public health issue. Medicines that are left in home medicine cabinets are at risk for theft, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and

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overdoses due to these drugs. 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.

For more information or to verify additional participating locations, go to www.dea.gov.

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