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National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Flagler County residents may safely discard unused and expired medications Saturday, April 29, 2017, during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at four locations across Flagler County and includes prescription as well as over-the-counter medications.

Flagler County sheriff's deputies will be staffing the sites as part of the event organized by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

"This is a very important event for safeguarding our community," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "It's a safe, easy way to rid your home of harmful substances that can be a danger to your family, especially children. Please take advantage of Prescription Drug Take-Back Day."

Residents can stop by any of the sites, drop medication bottles into the collection box and then leave. No personal information is required. A sheriff's deputy will be present with a box for unused, unwanted, expired medications. They will be turned over to the DEA to properly dispose of the medication collected. Bunnell residents are welcome to take advantage of any of the Palm Coast sites to drop off medication.

Last spring, more than 423 pounds of unwanted medication was dropped off in Flagler County for this event.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day collection will be at these locations:

- Flagler County Sheriff's Office Palm Coast Precinct, 160 Cypress Point Parkway, Suite C-107, Palm Coast. Phone: 386-586-2621.
- Publix Super Market at Palm Coast Town Center , 800 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast.
- Publix Super Market at Belle Terre Crossings, 4950 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast.
- Publix Super Market at Island Walk at Palm Coast, 250 Palm Coast Parkway N.E., Palm Coast.

According to the DEA, most prescription drug abusers report that they get their drugs from friends and family. Cleaning out old prescription drugs from your home can help reduce accidents, thefts and misuse or abuse of these medicines.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is held twice a year – once in spring and once in fall.

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