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HPD Now Has Permanent Collection Unit for Prescription Drugs

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Harrisonburg, Virginia - Citizens seeking to dispose of excess, expired, or unused prescription medications can now do so by visiting a safe, secure, and permanent drop-off location. A collection box has been placed in the lobby of Harrisonburg's Public Safety building, located at 101 North Main Street.

CVS has partnered with the Harrisonburg Police Department to establish this permanent drug collection program in order to reduce the availability of drugs and medicines that can potentially cause harm to teens and adults.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding family medicine cabinets. Now Harrisonburg's citizens won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The collection site will be open 7 days a week, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. to drop off unused or expired household medications, including prescriptions and unused pharmaceuticals. Drugs can be dropped off during that time with no questions asked. Items not accepted include sharps, liquids, aerosol containers and commercial waste.

The drug collection unit is part of the Harrisonburg Police Department's commitment to providing a safe, secure, and environmentally-friendly way to dispose of the unused drugs. HPD asks that you help us keep our community safe by not allowing these drugs to hit the streets.

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