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National Prescription Drug Take Back Event

Harrisonburg, VA – On Saturday, September 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Harrisonburg Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal to the rear parking lot of the Harrisonburg Police Department, 101 North Main Street. Drive up and drop off, the service is free, anonymous, with no questions asked. Please remove any identifying labels before your drop off medication.

Important: The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only prescription pills or patches from individuals.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.



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