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### **National DEA Medication Take Back Day with St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department**

**Canton, NY**— On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm, the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department will be set up outside of the Public Safety Complex in Canton on 49 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617, to accept unused or unneeded medication in the form of tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of medications, for safe disposal. Liquids, syringes, other sharps, and illicit drugs will **not** be accepted.

Many people have unused or expired medications at home. It is important to know when you should get rid of the unused medicine and how to dispose of it properly. Disposing of medicine safely prevents others from using them accidentally or intentionally. It also prevents chemicals from getting into the environment, like drinking water.

When to get rid of medicine:

- Your healthcare provider changes your prescription but you still have some medicine left
- You feel better and your provider says you should stop taking the medicine
- You have over the counter medicine you no longer need
- You have medicine past its expiration date

Do not take expired medication. They may not be as effective or the ingredients of the medicine may have changed, making them unsafe to use. Storing expired or unwanted medicine can increase the risk of:

- Taking the wrong medicine due to mix-ups
- Accidental poisoning in children or pets
- Overdose
- Misuse

Therefore, instead of storing expired medication, flushing it down the toilet, or throwing it into the trash, bring unwanted or expired medication to a Take Back Day event to be properly discarded. Medication Take Back Day provides the public with an easy and safe way to get rid of their medications, helping protect homes, the environment, and loved ones.

Kinney Drugs also accepts unused or unwanted medication. They host a Medicine Collection Day the last Saturday of each month. They will accept all unwanted non-controlled prescriptions and over-the-

counter-medications. Simply bring them to any Kinney Pharmacy during regular pharmacy hours and they will dispose of them safely. They **cannot** accept controlled prescriptions, illegal drugs, or needles/sharps.

Some Kinney Pharmacies offer a year-round Drug Collection Kiosk. The kiosk will accept over-the-counter medications, prescription medications (including controlled substances), patches, and ointments. The kiosks **cannot** accept needles/sharps or illegal drugs. Kiosks can be found at the Kinney Drugs in Potsdam (48 Maple Street) and Gouverneur (17 Clinton Street). For a full listing of all Kiosk locations in New York, check out their website:

<https://www.kinneydrugs.com/pharmacy/prescriptions/medication-disposal/>

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