

Got Drugs?



Goodhue County

Rx Drug TAKE BACK

Saturday, October 29th

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



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Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal!

Protect Your Family ~ Protect Your Environment

The Goodhue County Prescription Drug TAKE BACK is part of a national effort by the Drug Enforcement Administration to decrease the abuse of prescription drugs by decreasing their availability. Prescription drug abuse has risen rapidly in the United States because of availability and because people assume doctor prescribed medications are safe.



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- Misuse of prescription drugs is responsible for more overdose deaths than "street drugs" such as cocaine, heroin, and amphetamines (Center for Disease Control, 2006).
- Prescription medications supersede marijuana as the drug of choice currently among 12-13 year old youth (SAMSHA, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008)



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- 25% of drug-related emergency room cases relate to prescription drug abuse (DEA, 2010). Prescription medications abused most frequently include pain killers, stimulants, and tranquilizers. Those who share their prescription medications may be unaware of the potential for addiction and other health hazards.
- Safe disposal of prescription drugs also reduces the damage to groundwater and the environment that results from improper disposal.
- When not disposed of properly, unused and expired medications can cause poisoning in small children and pets through accidental ingestion.



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TAKE BACK Locations

Red Wing

Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center/Red Wing Police Department
430 W. 6th Street, Red Wing

Zumbrota

Zumbrota City Hall—Police Department Lobby
50 W. 2nd Street, Zumbrota

Lake City

Lake City Police Department Lobby,
209 S. High Street, Lake City

Cannon Falls

Cannon Falls Police Department
918 River Road, Cannon Falls



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Collection Day Information

- The program is 100% anonymous. No questions or requests for identification will be made.
- Ideally, participants may dispose of medication in its original container, or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual will be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.



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Collection Day Information

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances will be collected.
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical products and liquids in consumer containers will be accepted.
 - Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.



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Collection Day Information

- Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. The participants have the option of dropping the prescription vials/containers into the collection box or emptying the prescription directly into the collection box. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.



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Collection Day Information

- Commercial businesses are excluded from disposing of their medications in this manner. The event is for residents and community members.
- A sworn law enforcement officer will remain with the drug disposal box at all times.



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***70% of people who abuse
prescription pain relievers
get them from friends or relatives.***

(SAMSHA, 2008).

**For more information regarding
the Goodhue County
Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative
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