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2021 October Prescription Drug Take Back Day – Drive Thru Event

On Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public the opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted medications. Bring your medications for drive thru disposal to the Anoka County Sheriff's Office at 13301 Hanson Blvd. NW, Andover, MN 55304. You may also bring e-cigarettes and other vaping devices for disposal (devices can only be accepted if the batteries have been removed). The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

According to Sheriff James Stuart, "This program has proven to be a strong community partnership that keeps prescription drugs from being abused, which helps provide safer neighborhoods for all our families. I encourage everyone to collect unused and expired medications from your home and drop them off at our convenient, drive thru event. Since inception, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office has collected more than 40,680 pounds of unused medications! Thanks to YOU, we can keep having positive impacts within our communities."

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office partners with the DEA annually for this event, however unused prescription drugs can always be disposed of at our office, Monday through Friday during business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 23rd Take Back Day event go to www.DEATakeBack.com

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