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## **Capitol Update By Senator Howard Marklein October 14, 2016**

### ***Fall Clean Your Old Medications Statewide Drug Drop-Off Day Is October 22, 2016***

Saturday, October 22, 2016 is one of the semi-annual, statewide Drug Take-Back days in Wisconsin. On this day, law enforcement throughout our state will be collecting old medications and prescription drugs so they can be disposed of safely to prevent them from landing in the hands of someone who might abuse them or in a way that harms our environment. It is a good reminder for each of us to go through our medicine cabinets and households to collect old, expired, unused medications and take them to a safe disposal site in our community.

Most disposal sites will accept:

- controlled and uncontrolled substances,
- over-the-counter medications,
- ointments,
- patches,
- creams,
- non-aerosol sprays,
- vials,
- pet medications.

Most disposal sites do not accept needles, sharps, aerosols, inhalers or medical waste, but check with your local site to confirm. For more information on guidelines, special events and drug disposal in Wisconsin, please visit [www.doseofrealitywi.gov](http://www.doseofrealitywi.gov).

Safe drug disposal is very important because it keeps powerful drugs out of the hands of someone who may abuse them or sell them. Old prescriptions in your cabinets are prime temptations for young people to steal, sell or take to parties where miscellaneous, random prescription drugs are abused. According to the Green County Department of Health, 70% of all abused prescriptions are taken from family and friends. Statistics show that many heroin users start by abusing prescription opioids like oxycodone, Vicodin and other common painkillers that are often prescribed following routine surgeries.

Unfortunately, many people do not understand the extreme danger of abusing prescription drugs. They assume that prescription medications are “safe” because they are prescribed by doctors. But they do not understand that over-dosing and mixing medications can be lethal.

Safe drug disposal is also important to protect our environment. Flushing drugs down the toilet contaminates our water supply. Municipal water treatment can’t remove some very powerful medications

from our water. It is also important to keep them out of landfills where they leech into water and may be consumed by animals.

If you have ongoing prescriptions and medications that you keep in your home, consider keeping them in locked storage. For more information on techniques to secure your medications, please contact your county health department or visit [www.lockyourmeds.org](http://www.lockyourmeds.org).

Grant and Juneau counties are holding special events for Drug Take-Back Day in addition to the permanent sites in each county:

**In Grant County, take your medications to the following locations on 10/22/16 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.:**

Hazel Green Village Hall – 1610 Fairplay Street, Hazel Green

Livingston Village Hall – 220 W. Barber Ave., Livingston

Bloomington Township Garage – 534 State Hwy 35, Bloomington

**In Juneau County, take your medications to the following location on 10/22/16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Riverside Park, Mansion Street, Mauston**

While Drug Take-Back Day is an official event this month, all of the counties of the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District have permanent drug disposal boxes that are available nearly every day of the year. The following list shares these locations by county with their days and hours of operation.

**Grant County**

Boscobel Police Department / City Hall

1006 Wisconsin Ave, Boscobel

M-F, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Dickeyville Police Department

500 East Ave, Dickeyville

M-F, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. or call Chief Dave Reuter 608-568-7284 for afterhours drop-off

Fennimore City Building

860 Lincoln Ave, Fennimore

M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lancaster Police Department Lobby

222 South Madison Street, Lancaster

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Platteville Police Department

164 North Fourth Street, Platteville

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Kratochwill Memorial Building

206 North Wisconsin Ave., Muscoda

M-F, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Drug Take-Back Day Special Event sites in Grant County on 10/22/16 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Hazel Green Village Hall – 1610 Fairplay Street, Hazel Green

Livingston Village Hall – 220 W. Barber Ave., Livingston

Bloomington Township Garage – 534 State Hwy 35, Bloomington

**Green County**

Green County Sheriff's Department

2827 6th Street, Monroe

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Albany Police Department

206 N Water Street, Albany

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Brodhead Police Department

1004 W Exchange St, Brodhead

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Monticello Police Department

140 N Main Street, Monticello

M-F, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Monroe Police Department

1811 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe

7 days a week, 24 hours a day

New Glarus Police Department

319 2nd Street

New Glarus, WI 53574

Open: M-F 7:30 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am to 3 pm

**Iowa County**

Iowa County Sheriff's Office

1205 N Bequette Street, Dodgeville

7 days a week, 24 hours per day

\*\* No Sharps, Aerosols or Inhalers accepted at this location.

**Juneau County**

Mauston Police Department

Lower Level of City Hall

303 Mansion Street, Mauston

M-F, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Juneau County Sheriff's Office  
200 Oak Street, Mauston  
M-F, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Drug Take-Back Day Special Event in Juneau County on 10/22/16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
Riverside Park, Mansion Street, Mauston

**Lafayette County**

Darlington Municipal Building  
627 Main Street; parking lot entrance, Darlington.  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

**Monroe County**

Sparta Police Department  
121 E Oak Street, Sparta  
M-F, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tomah Police Department  
805 Superior Ave., Tomah  
M-4, 8 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Coming this spring...the Monroe County Sheriff's Department will have a drop-box at the new Justice Center. Stay tuned!

**Sauk County**

Sauk County Sheriff's Office  
1300 Lange Court, Baraboo  
M 8:00am-6:00pm; T,W,Th 8:00am-8:30am; F 8:00am-4:00p

Baraboo Police Department  
135 4th Street, Baraboo  
M-F, 7:30am-4:30pm

Lake Delton Police Department  
50 Wisconsin Dells Parkway, Lake Delton  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Reedsburg Police Department  
200 S. Park Street, Reedsburg  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Spring Green Police Dept.  
154 N Lexington Street, Spring Green  
M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

Sauk Prairie Police Dept.  
Rear entrance – Riviera Drive, Sauk Prairie  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Wisconsin Dells Police Department  
712 Oak Street, Wisconsin Dells  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

### **Richland County**

Richland County Sheriff's Office  
181 W Seminary Street, Richland Center  
7 days a week, 24 hours a day

Richland Center Police Department  
470 S Main Street, Richland Center  
Drug Take Back Event – 10/22/16 – 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### **Vernon County**

Hillsboro Police Department  
836 Prairie Avenue, Hillsboro  
M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Viroqua Police Department  
702 East Broadway, Viroqua

LaFarge Emergency Services Bldg  
201 So. Cherry Street, LaFarge

Ontario Police Department  
313 Main Street, Ontario

Westby Police Department  
200 Melby Street, Westby

Stoddard Village Hall  
180 Main Street, Stoddard

Readstown Village Hall  
116 N. 4th Street, Readstown

Thank you for taking time to fall clean your medicine cabinet to protect the people in your life and the environment in which we live. Drop-off your old medications today!

For more information and to connect with me, visit my website  
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/17/marklein> and subscribe to my weekly E-Update by sending an email

to [Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov). Do not hesitate to call 800-978-8008 if you have input, ideas or need assistance with any state-related matters.

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