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## LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS SEPTEMBER 29

**Jackson, MI (April 24, 2012)** – On April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local law enforcement agencies and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescriptions.

The prescription drug drop-off locations are:

### **Michigan State Police Post**

3401 Cooper St.  
Jackson, MI 49201  
(517) 780-4580

### **Jackson City Police Department**

216 E. Washington  
Jackson, MI 49201  
(517) 788-4100

### **Grass Lake Community Pharmacy**

112 E. Michigan  
Grass Lake, MI 49  
(517) 522-4100

*This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.*

Last April in Jackson County, the Jackson City Police and Michigan State Police collected over 140 pounds combined of prescription drugs. Americans turned in 552,161 pounds—276 tons—of prescription drugs at 5,659 sites. More than seven million Americans abuse prescription drugs, which is more than those who use heroin, cocaine and hallucinogens combined according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. National studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including 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.

### **More information about:**

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