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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS APRIL 26

Jackson, MI (April 21, 2014) – On April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local law enforcement agencies, Jackson County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition 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 (in conjunction with the Jackson County Office of the Sheriff)

112 E. Michigan

Grass Lake, MI 49240

(517) 522-4100

This service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

In the first four months of Jackson County's permanent drop box located at the Jackson City Police, over 80 pounds of unwanted prescriptions were collected and properly disposed. At last October's Take-Back Day, over 97 pounds of prescription drugs were collected. 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.

Since May 2013, Jackson has had a permanent drop box located at the Jackson City Police station.

More information about:

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