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Dispose of Medications- Free, Safe, Anonymous

October 26th, 2023 (SPRINGFIELD, Mo.) – [Community Partnership of the Ozarks](#), the Ozark Area Pharmacy Association, DREAM Coalition (Drug Responsibility Education and Advocacy Movement), the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Greene County Sheriff's Office are partnering for the **Fall 2023 Medication Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 28th**. The event will be from **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** at four locations across Springfield and Republic.

Medication Take-Back Day offers a safe way for community members to dispose of unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, helping eliminate potential public safety concerns and contamination of our water supply. There is no cost for disposal, and all medications are accepted free and anonymously **except** sharps (needles/syringes), inhalers and glass containers. Labels and personal information are not required to be removed. Volunteers and law enforcement will be available at each site to answer any medication disposal-related questions.

In Spring of 2023, 900 pounds of medications were collected in Springfield/ Greene County alone. Services have now expanded allowing our Take-Back sites to also include vape-device cartridge disposal. These cartridges may be disposed of at any of the locations. The battery component of the vape device can be recycled at Computer Recycling Center of the Ozarks (528 North Prince Lane) for a fee of \$1.00 per device (cost subject to change).

Greene County locations for the upcoming take-back event include the following:

- **Lawrence Drug**, 1454 E. Republic Road Springfield, MO
- **Cox Health Advantage Care**, 1819 S. National Ave Springfield, MO
- **The Library Station**, 2535 N Kansas Expressway Springfield, MO
- **Republic Library**, 921 North Lindsey Ave Republic, MO

In addition to these locations, Take-Back events are occurring in several communities across Southwest Missouri. Visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/> to search for one by zip code.

Collaborative partners of the Springfield Prescription Drug Take-Back Day include Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Greene County Partnerships for Success Project, DREAM Coalition, Drug Enforcement Agency, Greene County Sheriff's Office, Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Ozark's Headwaters, Cox Health, Mercy, Safe Kids Springfield, and UMKC School of Pharmacy.

ABOUT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OF THE OZARKS

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