

**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**  
**Saturday, April 24, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**SHARON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**95 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, Ohio**

The Sharon Township Police Department is again participating in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. If you have any prescription drugs in pill form, please bring them to our offices at 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road on the date and times listed above. **WE CAN ONLY COLLECT PILLS, CAPSULES, PATCHES AND BLISTER PACKS.**

**We CANNOT accept inhalers, liquids, sharps, syringes, or plastic/glass bottles.**

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

**If you don't properly dispose of the unused or expired prescription drugs in your home, they might find a new one.**

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse.
- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.
- The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.
- The majority of teenagers abusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends —and the home medicine cabinet.
- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment.
- Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. But if a program is not available:
  - Take the meds out of their bottles;
  - Mix them with something unappealing like used kitty litter or coffee grounds;
  - Seal them in a bag or disposable container; and throw that away.

For more information on prescription drug abuse, go to:

[www.DEA.gov](http://www.DEA.gov)

[www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com](http://www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com)

[www.JustThinkTwice.com](http://www.JustThinkTwice.com)

For more information on how to dispose of prescription drugs, go to:

<https://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm101653.htm>

# DON'T BE THE DEALER



Keep them safe. Clean them out.  
Take them back.

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