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(Neb/S.D.)-Drug Disposal Sites In Listening Area



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(CHADRON)-Do you have unwanted medicines that are being stored in your home? This Saturday will provide residents with a safe and anonymous way to discard unwanted medicines. Participating local law enforcement agencies are partnering with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to once again offer a nation-wide Drug Take Back Day to keep old and leftover prescription drugs off the streets. The event will take place Saturday, October 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The program promotes safe disposal of either out-of-date prescriptions or ones that are no longer being used and is intended to fight accidental poisonings and prescription drug abuse. Advocates say improper disposal can also contaminate groundwater.

Attorney General Jon Bruning says there are a variety of take-back sites throughout the state that will be accepting medications. Participating entities in the northern Panhandle include the Chadron Police Department, who will be located at the front entrance of the Chadron Walmart. Crawford will have a location set up at the Crawford Fire Hall. In Alliance, the Box Butte Sheriff's Office will have a drop-off site located at Box Butte General Hospital's Sand Hills Room, 2101 Box Butte Avenue. And in South Dakota, the Fall River Sheriff's Office will have two locations in Hot Springs, one at the Shopko Pharmacy, 2701 W. Hwy 18, and the second at Lynn's Dakota Mart Pharmacy at 501 S. 6th St.

The Chadron PD says it's a great time for residents to clean out their medicine cabinets and protect their kids, families, and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted and expired medicines. Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning and flushed or trashed medicines can end up polluting water. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high - over half of teens abusing medicines get them from a family member or friend, including the home medicine cabinet, and often without their knowledge.

For more information, visit www.nebraskameds.org or for more take-back locations, visit <http://www.ago.ne.gov>.

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