

GotDrugs?

Take-back prescription drug day planned by DEA and Walpole Police Department

It's time to clean out your medicine cabinet.

The Walpole Police Department is holding a drug take-back day Sept. 25 and it is sponsored by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and supported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Walpole Health Department says that old medicines that languish in cabinets often end up abused or misused even if the owner of the drugs isn't aware of it.

The rate of prescription drug abuse is growing by the day and the DEA says that most abused drugs are taken from family or friends - including from someone's home medicine cabinet.

The drive will also give people a safe way to get rid of old drugs. Many people throw them away or flush them down the toilet, which can be a hazard to the environment by ending up in septic systems and sewers where lots of the pharmaceutical compounds survive treatment.

This is the first-ever drug take-back day hosted by the federal government. It is free and anonymous.

Please turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walpole Police Station.

