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Spring Drug Take Back Day

[Florence, WI] –

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. The AODA/Mental Health Coalition will be hosting the spring National Drug Take Back Event at the Florence County Courthouse. Florence County residents are encouraged to bring in their unused prescription medications or expired over the counter drugs, syringes, and sharps for proper disposal. All items will be collected for free. Syringes/sharps are usually three dollars per pound when brought into the health department, so take advantage of this free event! Need to dispose of vape pens or other e-cigarette devices? Once the batteries are removed, they may be disposed at this event, too. In 2021, Wisconsinites collected over 116,000 pounds of medications during the annual take back events! Join us April 30th from 10am until noon to safely dispose of your prescription medications!

The drug take back events are not the only way to dispose of your medications for free. Florence County has three permanent prescription drug drop boxes that accept over the counter and prescription medication anonymously 24 hours per day (no sharps please!). They're located at the Sheriff's Office in Florence, Florence Prescription Services, and outside the main entrance at NWTC in Aurora. Florence County Health Department also offers free lock boxes to Florence County residents to safely lock up medications at home or when traveling. Visit the health department to obtain your free lock box.

For more information, contact the Florence County Sheriff's Office at 715-528-3346 or the Health Department at 715-528-4837, located in the Courthouse at 501 Lake Avenue or visit our website at <https://florencewipublichealth.com/index.htm>.

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