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### St. Lawrence County Public Health Department shares information for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

**Canton, NY** — National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is April 22, 2023. For over a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded medications—old, unwanted, or expired—that too often become a gateway to addiction. Expired prescription medication can lose its potency and effectiveness, and may even become harmful if taken. Unused prescription drugs can be a safety hazard in the home, and they can contribute to accidental poisonings or overdoses. No one should hang on to old antibiotics just in case they or a loved one needs them. This carries many risks – including drug interactions, side effects, as well as resistance. Different antibiotics treat different types of infections. There is no ‘one size fits all’. Rather than building a small stockpile for yourself or your family, experts say it’s better to use antibiotics precisely as prescribed by your doctor, including for the full treatment course, even if symptoms improve.

Therefore, it is recommended to dispose of expired medication properly and obtain a new prescription if needed. Proper disposal of unneeded drugs saves lives and protects the environment and our community.

Drop-off locations are all around St. Lawrence County with a wide variety of times available. Locations in our county include:

- **Canton Police Department, 60 Main St. Canton** - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Claxton Hepburn Medical Center, 214 King St Ogdensburg** - Located off the main lobby near the elevator (normal business hours).
- **Gouverneur Hospital, 77 West Barney St. Gouverneur** - Located off of the main lobby, available during normal business hours.
- **Kinney Drugs** - All St. Lawrence County Locations during normal business hours at the designated kiosks.
- **Massena Police Department, 60 Main St Massena** - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **Ogdensburg Police Department, 800 Park St. Ogdensburg** - Available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
- **Potsdam Police Department, 38 Main St. Potsdam** - Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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- **St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, 48 Court St Canton** - Located in the Public Safety Building and is available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

There will also be a prescription medication drop-off event held at the St. Lawrence County Human Services Center, 80 State Hwy 310, Canton, NY on May 13, 2023 and September 23, 2023, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

For more information and to find a collection site near you, visit [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).

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