



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Athens Police Department Teams with Drug Enforcement Administration for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

ATHENS, TENNESSEE- April 23, 2024- The City of Athens Police Department has announced the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27 from 10am to 2pm at the Athens Police Department. This is a drive-thru event where a police officer will come out to the vehicle and collect the medications without the driver having to leave the vehicle. The City of Athens Police Department has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration to host this event. DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs.

For more than a decade, the event has helped Americans easily rid their homes of unneeded medications- those that are old, unwanted, or expired- that too often become a gateway to addiction. Take Back Day offers free and anonymous disposal of unneeded medications at more than 4,000 drop off locations nationwide. In partnership with local law enforcement, Take Back Day has removed more than 8,300 tons of medication from circulation since its inception.

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 an to find a collection site near you, visit www.DEATakeBack.com.

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