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BRING US YOUR UNUSED PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS!

Do you have unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications laying around the house? Bring them to us to properly dispose of at our National Drug Take Back Event!

The City of Watertown Police Department in partnership with Jefferson County's Solid Waste Program is hosting a Drug Take Back event at Watertown Walmart: 1901 Market Way on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m.-Noon.

The Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition will also be in attendance to provide medication safety resources! If you have vaping devices to dispose of, we will take those too. No need to remove the battery!

What to Bring: Prescription (controlled and non-controlled) and over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications. Solid, non-liquid medication(s) should be combined into a sealable, plastic bag; they do not need to be in their original pill bottles. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed. Liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging. Liquids, creams and sprays without the original packaging will not be accepted.

Do Not Bring: Illegal drugs, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials (anything containing a bodily fluid or blood), mercury thermometers, personal care products (shampoo, soaps, lotions, sunscreens, etc.), household hazardous waste (paint, pesticides, oil, gas).

The goal of the event is to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, while also educating the public about the potential for misuse of these medications. Unused prescription medications in homes create a public health and safety concern because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, and misused.

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Removing potentially dangerous pharmaceutical and over-the-counter substances from your medicine cabinets helps to prevent them from going into our water supply.

All waste pharmaceuticals collected at this event must be generated by a household. If you have any questions regarding this event, please feel free to contact Kim at 920-674-7430 or kimb@jeffersoncountywi.gov