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Every Day is Drug Take Back Day

Did you know? More than 50 percent of 18-25 year olds have used non-prescribed medications.

Seniors are a target for prescription drugs theft. Seniors: Please don’t share your medications.

Don’t flush medications down the sink or toilet or throw medications in the trash.
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

WHERE
Augusta County Sheriff’s Office
127 Lee Hwy (Route 11)
Verona, VA 24482
(540) 245-5333
24 hours a day/7 days a week

If you have unused or expired medications or have medications from a loved one who has passed away, drop off your drugs for disposal, no questions asked.

**Why should I dispose of unused prescription medications?**

It can be easy to overlook the presence of dangerous medications in the home. In some cases, they belonged to loved ones who may have passed away or someone who no longer lives in your home.

**Do bring:**
- Prescriptions
- Over the counter medications
- Liquid medications
- Inhalers
- Vitamins
- Pet medicine

**Do not bring:**
- Needles and sharps
- Mercury (thermometers)
- Oxygen tanks
- Pressurized containers

**Proper Use**
- It is a criminal offense to share prescriptions.
- Medications are specifically prescribed (dose, length of time) for each individual. The same drug can affect someone else differently.
- People who borrow drugs instead of seeing a doctor may miss out on effective treatment for what truly ails them.

**Proper Storage**
- Store prescription drugs in secure locations such as lock-boxes, medication safes, locked cabinet or other lockable spaces.
- Avoid storage places others can easily access, such as purses, backpacks, un-locked drawers, or counters.
- Do not leave medication in the medicine cabinet; this is the easiest place for individuals to acquire drugs

**Proper Disposal**
- It is not acceptable to flush or throw away medications.
- Studies show measurable amounts of contaminants in drinking water due to improper disposal of medications.
- Dispose of medications at secure drop boxes or drug takeback events.