

Bettendorf Police Department Partners with State Drug Control Office to Expand Medication Drop Off Locations

The Bettendorf Police Department, 1609 State Street, is now a permanent location for a Medication Dropbox. The dropbox is located in the lobby of the Police Department and is accessible to the public 24 hours a day. Citizens wishing to utilize the medication drop box are asked to remove all personal identification information and place medication in sealed container and/or a sealed plastic bag. Do not include liquids, any "sharps" (syringes or lancets) or any other item that could cause injury to staff servicing the drop box.

The *Iowa Take Back* Prescription Drug Drop Box Program provides a fixed secure community option for disposing of unneeded medicines. *Iowa Take Back* is designed primarily to collect "controlled prescription drugs," or those medicines classified as having a higher potential for abuse because they pose a greater threat to the health and safety of Iowans. Prescription drugs collected by this program are also properly destroyed to protect the environment.

Please follow these simple rules.

The Public may use *Iowa Take Back* drop boxes in their community, simply by visiting a designated site and anonymously disposing of sealed medicines in the prescription drug drop box. The drop box is provided for citizens to dispose of unused medicines for which they are the prescribed user. It is not intended for third party or business use.

The primary purpose of *Iowa Take Back* drop boxes is to collect "controlled prescription drugs" in a safe and secure manner that prevents medicine abuse and protects the environment. Residents who are unsure if the prescription drugs they want to dispose of are "controlled" may proceed to place them in the *Iowa Take Back* drop box. Please ask your pharmacist if you have questions about the classification of your prescription drugs for future disposal.

Your voluntary participation in *Iowa Take Back* may save lives, by preventing prescription drug diversion and abuse, and protecting the environment.

Remove all personal identification from your unneeded "controlled prescription drugs," seal the medicines in vials, sealed container, and/or bags, take them to the nearest *Iowa Take Back* site, and anonymously place your medicines in the secure drop box. Please do NOT place liquids or sharps in the drop box, and remember to keep the drop box area clean for everyone who uses it.

Additional information on prescription drug abuse/opioid abuse and properly disposing of unused medication can be found at:

<https://odcp.iowa.gov/rxotc>

<https://odcp.iowa.gov/rxtakebacks>

<https://odcp.iowa.gov/rxbrochure>