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## **Troy Police Department Collecting Unwanted Prescription Drugs on October 27**

**TROY, NY** – On Saturday, October 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the City of Troy Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide the public an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused or unwanted prescription pills during the 16<sup>th</sup> National Prescription Drug Takeback Day.

Troy residents and members of the public can bring their pills for disposal to the Troy Police Department's Central Station, located at **55 State Street, Troy**. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. (The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps; only pills or patches).

Last spring Americans turned in nearly 475 tons (949,046 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and almost 4,700 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 15 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in almost 10 million pounds—nearly 5,000 tons—of pills.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2016 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.2 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information, visit [www.takebackday.dea.gov](http://www.takebackday.dea.gov) or contact the **Troy Police Department's Community Police Unit** at (518) 270-4415.

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