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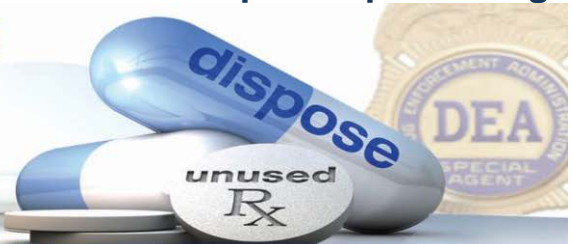
PRESS RELEASE
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West Mifflin Police Department taking back unwanted prescription drugs

**National Prescription Drug
TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, October 28th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Turn in your unused or expired medication
for safe disposal.



Visit www.dea.gov or call 800-882-9539 for a collection site near you.

West Mifflin, Allegheny County – On Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the West Mifflin Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public its 14th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to The West Mifflin Police Department Lobby at 1020 Lebanon Road West Mifflin. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last April Americans turned in 450 tons (900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,500 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 13 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 8.1 million pounds—more than 4,050 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. 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 about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 28 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).

Chief Ken Davies