

## **NEWS RELEASE**

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day to take place tomorrow ~11 drop-off locations in Seminole County~

Seminole Co., Fla. (Oct. 21, 2016) - Tomorrow Seminole County residents will once again have the opportunity to safely dispose of old, expired or unwanted prescription medications. The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Seminole Prevention Coalition and area law enforcement to recognize National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prescription drugs may be turned in at the following 12 locations:

- Altamonte Springs Police Department- ASPD Mall COPS Center, lower level between JC Penney and Macy's, 451 E. Altamonte Dr., Altamonte Springs
- Casselberry Police Department 4195 S. U.S. Highway 17-92, Casselberry
- Lake Mary Police Department 165 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Lake Mary
- Longwood Police Department 235 W. Church Ave., Longwood
- Oviedo Police Department 400 Alexandria Blvd., Oviedo
- Sanford Police Department 815 Historic Goldsboro Blvd., Sanford
- Winter Springs Police Department 300 N. Moss Rd., Winter Springs
- Seminole County Sheriff's Office:
  - 100 Bush Blvd., Sanford
  - 1225 Broadway St., Oviedo
  - 805 Primera Blvd., Lake Mary
  - 120 W. Pineview St., Altamonte Springs

The Seminole Prevention Coalition, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals will also be offering a program to assist consumers with safe and effective home disposal of prescription medications. The program features home disposal packets that neutralize the active chemicals in prescription drugs using carbon. This process renders the drugs ineffective for misuse and safe for disposal and the environment. The consumer simply places unused medications in the pouch, fills it halfway with warm tap water, waits 30 seconds, then seals and gently shakes the pouch. The pouch can be disposed of with normal trash and go in landfills where the insoluble products will not leak into groundwater. These packets will be available to the public this Saturday at no charge at all Seminole County drop-off locations.

These services are free with no questions asked. Disposing of unwanted medications through approved drop-off locations and home disposal packets helps eliminate the possibility of abuse, misuse and diversion. For more information please contact the Seminole Prevention Coalition at 407-212-8040 or visit: http://seminolepreventioncoalition.org.

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