

Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County

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LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPATES IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Batavia, OH – October 2011. Each year, the U. S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency holds a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Clermont County law enforcement agencies are partnering with local coalitions to participate in this event on **Saturday, October 29 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm**. All prescription and over-the-counter medications can be dropped off at identified sites for free.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

In 2010, 49 Clermont County residents lost their lives to prescription drug overdoses. Substance abuse prevention is a serious issue that is being addressed by two local groups: the Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County and Partners for a Drug-Free Milford Miami Township. A first step in prevention is to safely remove unwanted and unused medications from circulation.

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Following are the Clermont County disposal sites that will be available in Clermont County on October 29:

Amelia Police Department
44 West Main Street
Amelia, OH 45102

New Richmond Fire Station
300 Hamilton Street
New Richmond, OH 45157

Batavia Township Central Joint Fire Station
2401 Old State Route 32
Batavia, Ohio 45103

Pierce Township Police Department
950 Locust Corner Road
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Bethel Township Fire Station
149 North East Street
Bethel, Ohio 45106

Target
100 Rivers Edge
Milford, OH 45150-2585

Felicity Police Department
415 West Walnut
Felicity, OH 45120

Union Civic Center
4350 Aicholtz Road
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Goshen Police Department
6757 Goshen Road
Goshen, OH 45122

If you have any questions about the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, please contact Heidi Nykolayko, Director of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County at 513-735-8159 or Heidi.Nykolayko@recoveryctr.org. The Coalition promotes drug-free environments for youth by providing education to the community about the risk of alcohol and drug use. Monthly meetings of the Coalition are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board office on Clermont Center Road. Please feel free to participate in any meeting or to become a Coalition member.

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