

Sheriff



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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is teaming up with Drug Enforcement Administration, the Okaloosa Anti-Drug Coalition, and Okaloosa County Wal-Marts in a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative, a one-day nationwide effort between local and federal law enforcement to provide the public a place to voluntarily surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutically controlled substances and other medications for destruction.

Many people do not feel comfortable throwing their unused prescriptions away and flush them down the toilet, however this is causing problems with water supplies and soil contamination. The University of California (San Francisco) School of Pharmacy has noted that a recent study has shown 80 percent of US streams contain small amounts of human medicines, sewage systems cannot remove these medicines from water that are released into lakes, rivers or oceans. Fish and other aquatic animals have shown adverse effects from medicines in the water, and even very small amounts of medicine have been found in drinking water.

Last year, the nationwide initiative was extremely successful and resulted in the collection of over 121 tons of unused and unwanted prescription drugs from over 4,000 sites, with 4 ½ tons collected from 141 sites in Florida.

Okaloosa County collection sites will be set up in the parking lots of each of the four Wal-Marts in Okaloosa County with "drive thru" tents to simply drive up and drop off your unwanted medications for your convenience: This event takes place Saturday April 30th from ten a.m. to two p.m.

Niceville Wal-Mart 1196 John Sims Pkwy, Niceville Fl.
Destin Wal-Mart 15017 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin Fl.
FWB Wal-Mart 948 Beal Pkwy, Fort Walton Bch Fl.
Crestview Wal-Mart 3351 S. Ferdon Blvd. Crestview Fl.

Thank you for your participation, and if you have any questions please contact Lieutenant Michael Card at 609-2003 or PIO Michele Nicholson 651-7420.

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