

CCSO joins DEA in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

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La Plata, MD - On Saturday, April 27, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Charles County Sheriff's Office will join the Drug Enforcement Administration in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – a program held annually to encourage people with unwanted prescription medications to dispose of them safely and in a way that is environmentally friendly. Although the CCSO offers residents the opportunity to dispose of unwanted medications at any time, the Agency is promoting this national event to highlight the importance of ridding homes of medicines that are no longer needed.

Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high, particularly among teens and young adults who often get the drugs from a family member or friend, including the home medicine cabinet. "Removing unwanted or unused medications from homes is critical to the safety of those who might abuse them," said Sheriff Troy D. Berry.

During the most recent National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October, 2018, more than 4,000 law enforcement agencies participated nation-wide and collected 914,236 lbs. of medications.

To drop off unwanted medications, simply bring the medicines to any of the district stations: The Waldorf station is located at 3670 Leonardtown Road; the La Plata station is located at 6855 Crain Highway; and the Bryans Road station is located at 3095 Marshall Hall Road (lobby open to public Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.). Prescription, non-prescription, pet medicines and vitamins are accepted, but they must be in tablets, capsules, and other solid dosage forms. Intravenous solutions and syringes are not accepted. For additional information, visit www.ccsso.us.

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