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DEA Drug TakeBack Day – 9/26/15

The Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) annual [Prescription Drug Take-Back Day](#) will be held on **Saturday, September 26, 2015, from 10am to 2pm**, at participating locations nationwide. These locations will be open to all residents.

There are currently 7 collection locations in Kane County registered for the event, as listed below. Please check the [DEA website](#) closer to the event day to see if additional locations have registered.

Collection Locations in Kane County (listed from North to South)

Collection Sites	Address	City
Algonquin Police Department	2200 Harnish Dr.	Algonquin, IL 60102
Carpentersville Police Department	1200 L.W. Besinger Drive	Carpentersville, IL 60110
Illinois State Police - ELGIN	777 S. State Street	Elgin, IL 60120
South Elgin Police Department	10 N. Water Street	South Elgin, IL 60177
Campton Hills Police Department	40W270 LaFox Road	Campton Hills, IL 60175
Kane County Sheriff's Office	37W755 IL Route 38, Suite A	St. Charles, IL 60175
Geneva Police Department	20 Police Plaza	Geneva, IL 60134

Consumers who are unable to visit a location on Take-Back Day can access this list of [year round locations in Kane County](#) or can search the IL EPA's list of [medication disposal locations](#).

During the 2014 event, thousands of DEA-coordinated collection sites across the country accepted tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of medicines, including prescription painkillers and other controlled substance medications, and the DEA collected 617,150 pounds (309 tons) of unwanted medication. In four years and nine Take-Back Days, consumers have disposed of at least 4.8 million pounds (2,411 tons) of unwanted medication.

Properly disposing of medications keeps medicine out of the hands of someone who might abuse them and also protects the environment. Please take pills and capsules out of original bottles before placing them in a clear re-sealable bag for delivery. Orange plastic med bottles are not recyclable.* White plastic bottles can be recycled in your blue bin once emptied.

Please note that these drop-offs do NOT accept supplements, vitamins, liquid medicines, or sharps/ syringes/ needles! Supplements like vitamins are not controlled supplements and do not pose a hazard, so they can go in with your regular trash. There are very few return programs for syringes nationally, and there are none in Kane County so we must rely on [safe disposal](#) - the recommended process for discarding needles – [or mail-in programs](#).

* Orange plastic med bottles are not recyclable because there is not a market for that type of plastic. Do not put them in your blue bin please. You can put them in the trash or they ARE reusable! They're great for paperclips, beads, sewing needles, spices, and many other little things.

More Kane County recycling information can be found at www.countyofkane.org/recycling.

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