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Spring Prescription Drug Take Back

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the Lake City Police Department participated in the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day and collected 45 pounds of medications.

This initiative provides an opportunity for people nation-wide to properly dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired medications in a safe and anonymous manner. Through the proper disposal of medications, citizens are helping fight the growing addiction crisis.

During these events, citizens may dispose of the entire prescription bottle or by placing medications directly into the disposal box. It is not required for citizens to remove information from prescription bottles; however, they can if it makes them comfortable. It is also acceptable to dispose of veterinary prescriptions. After collection, the entire disposal box is incinerated by the DEA.

Illicit substances, needles, inhalers, or other compressed air cylinders were not accepted. Local Doctors, Veterinarians, Pharmacies, and Hospitals are not permitted to dispose of medications through these events. Prescription drug disposal was available at the Lake City Police Department starting at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 2:00 p.m. During that time, anyone could discard of any prescriptions anonymously.

"These Take Back events are held in April and October each year," said Chief of Police Gerald Butler. "During the rest of the year, citizens can properly dispose of prescription medications at our local Wal-greens in the safe medication disposal kiosk located by the pharmacy."



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