

NEWS RELEASE from Twin County Recovery Services

TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

APRIL 28, AT:

[Catskill, New York] – On Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 AM. to 2 PM. Twin County Recovery Services and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 15th opportunity in 8 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to local sites detailed below. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

According to a 2015 survey, 6.4 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. Last October, Americans turned in 450 tons (over 900,386 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,498 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,223 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that most of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Greene Co. TAKE BACK DAY Locations:

Town of Cairo PD/ CVS, Rte. 32, Cairo, NY*

Village of Coxsackie PD, 119 Mansion Street, Coxsackie, NY

Town of Durham PD, 7309 rte. 81, East Durham, NY

Town of Hunter PD / Hunter Town Hall, 5748 Route 23A, Tannersville, NY

Town of Windham PD / Windham Pharmacy, South Street, Windham, NY*

~Pick-up assisted by Greene County Sherriff's Department~

(*Twin County Recovery Services supported event)

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 28 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](http://www.dea.gov/diversion) or Twin County Recovery Services;

<http://www.twincountyrecovery.org>