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Residents Dispose of 279 Pounds of Unwanted Medications During Farmington Hills Police Department/DEA Take Back Day

Prescription Drug Take-Back Program helps keep unwanted medications out of homes and the environment

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Nov. 4, 2026) — The Farmington Hills Police Department, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), collected **279 pounds of unwanted and expired prescription medications** during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 24.

The event provided residents with a safe, convenient, and anonymous way to dispose of medications that could otherwise be misused, accidentally ingested, or improperly discarded.

"Community participation in Drug Take-Back Day helps reduce the risk of prescription medications falling into the wrong hands while also protecting our environment," said Captain Domenic Lauria. "We appreciate everyone who took the time to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of unwanted medications."

The 279 pounds collected during the October event exceeded the amount collected during the department's spring Take-Back Day event, when more than 235 pounds of prescription medications were safely collected and destroyed.

Unused and expired medications can pose significant public health and safety risks. According to the National Safety Council, 70 percent of teens who abuse prescription painkillers obtain them from friends or relatives. Drug Take-Back Day provides communities with a safe way to prevent medications from being misused or diverted.

The Farmington Hills Police Department participates in National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day twice annually, in partnership with the DEA. Since the national program began in 2010, more than 21 million pounds of medications have been safely collected and destroyed nationwide.

Residents who missed the Oct. 24 event can still safely dispose of unwanted prescription medications year-round. The Farmington Hills Police Department maintains a secure

medication drop box available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the lobby of Police Headquarters, located at 31655 W. Eleven Mile Road.

For more information, call the Investigative Division at 248-871-2770 or visit the DEA's Take Back Day webpage at Take Back Day (dea.gov).

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The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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