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Sheriff's Office hosts annual Drug Take Back Event

Corvallis, Ore. – On April 29, 2017, you can safely dispose of your expired or unused medications. The Benton County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Drug Take Back Event from 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m., at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 110 SW 53rd St., Corvallis, Ore.

The Drug Take Back Event is a free, one-day, drive-through event. You will drive up and drop medications directly into a disposal box.

Bring your expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medications including those from deceased family members or pets. Some items are not allowed at the event. For safety reasons, these include thermometers, intra-venous solutions, needles, EpiPens®, or medical waste of any kind. Illegal drugs are also not accepted. Medications can only be accepted from individual households, not from businesses such as nursing homes, doctor's offices, or veterinary clinics.

This event is offered as a public safety service to help keep prescription drugs out of the hands of kids or others who might abuse them. Misuse of prescription drugs is a serious problem, especially with teens and young adults. Additionally, improperly disposing of medications by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can lead to contamination of our drinking water. While most drugs can be treated at wastewater treatment plants, some cannot.

This event is sanctioned and supported by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as part of their National Take-Back Initiative. The Benton County Sheriff's Office is able to offer this service due to the volunteer support of their Reserve Deputies, Auxiliary Team, and Search and Rescue members. It is also made possible due to support from community partners: Philomath Police Department, Covanta, and Benton County Health Services.

For more information, visit the Benton County Sheriff's Office website at www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff and click on the "Other Services" menu.

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