

Media Release

Batavia Police Department

Batavia Police Department/ DEA – Take Back Prescription Drugs Day

Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that most abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.

For information on a collection site near you please use the DEA link below:

<https://takebackday.dea.gov/>

For a list of guidelines and approved medications for drop-off at the Batavia Police Department site, please use the link below:

<http://www.cityofbatavia.net/DocumentCenter/View/482/Unwanted-Medication-Disposal-Program-Guidelines-PDF?bidId=>

In addition to medications, the Batavia Police Department will collect vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers only after the batteries are removed from the devices. It is important to stress that the Batavia Police Department is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

If the batteries cannot be removed, individual consumers can check with large electronic chain stores who may accept vape pen or e-cigarette devices for proper disposal.

Individual consumers may also contact their local Hazardous Materials Management Facility to determine if they accept these devices, and for additional guidance regarding proper disposal.

Collection Site:

Batavia Police Department
100 N. Island Avenue
Batavia, IL 60510

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