

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **West Michigan Law Enforcement Agencies to Collect Medications**

**Grand Rapids, MI** - Unused medications in homes create a public health and safety concern because they can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused, and abused. Because prescription drugs are legal, they are easily accessible, often from a home medicine cabinet. Some individuals who abuse prescription drugs, particularly teens, believe these substances are safer than illicit drugs because they are prescribed by a healthcare professional.

To encourage residents to properly dispose of unused medications, seven West Michigan law enforcement agencies will be hosting a Prescription Medication Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Residents should black out or remove any personal information from medication containers and bring them to the following police agencies for proper disposal. No medical waste, hazardous waste or needles will be accepted.

- East Grand Rapids Department of Public Safety 770 Lakeside Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, 49506
- Grand Rapids Police Department 1 Monroe Center NW, Grand Rapids, 49503
- Kent County Sheriff Department Main Office 701 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49503
- Kent County Sheriff Department Cedar Springs Office 66 South Main St, Cedar Springs, 49319
- Kent County Sheriff Department South Substation 8557 Kalamazoo SE, Caledonia, 49316
- Kentwood Police Department 4742 Walma Ave SE, Kentwood, 49512
- Rockford Department of Public Safety 7 South Monroe Street, Rockford, 49341
- Sparta Police Department 260 W. Division, Sparta, 49345
- Wyoming Department of Public Safety 2300 Dehoop SW, Wyoming, 49509

For more information, visit www.wmtakebackmeds.org

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