

Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department Media Information Release

Vienna Police Department to Participate in the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative

Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state and local law enforcement agencies, the Vienna Police Department will again participate in a one-day initiative to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from area homes.

On October 29, 2022, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., the Vienna Police Department will have a collection site for old, expired, unused, or unwanted medications. Prescription medications, controlled or non-controlled substances, and over-the-counter drugs may be turned in anonymously at the collection point inside the Vienna Police Department temporary facility located at 301 Center Street, South, Vienna, Virginia 22180 (The former Faith Baptist Church).

Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing it and disposing of it directly into the collection box. If an original container is used, the individual should consider removing any identifying information from the prescription label. Liquid products should remain sealed in their original container to prevent leakage.

DEA 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 DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards (The only exemption is Epipens).

Commercial businesses, pharmacies, or other medical facilities may not use this as a means to discard expired medications or medical waste.

For DEA Authorized Collectors that provide year-round drop-off locations to the public to dispose of unwanted pharmaceuticals, go to <u>Controlled Substance Public Disposal</u> <u>Locations</u>.

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