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## Vienna Police Participates in National Drug Take Back Day

For the second time this year, the Vienna Police Department is participating in the 27<sup>th</sup> National Drug Take Back Day. This one-day initiative, in conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and state and local law enforcement agencies, gives community members an opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets and get rid of expired, unused, or unwanted medications safely and anonymously.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Vienna residents are invited to drop off medications at the Vienna Police Department, located at 215 Center St. S, Vienna, Va. Medications may be dropped off in their original containers, but personal or identifying information should be removed from prescription bottles. Liquid products should be sealed in their original container to prevent leakage. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to associated hazards, except for EpiPens. Additionally, residents who wish to drop off vape pens or other e-cigarette devices can do so, but only after batteries are removed.

Vienna Police collected 304 pounds of unwanted medications from participating residents during the last Drug Take Back Day on April 27, 2024. The medications were then delivered to the Virginia State Police for proper disposal.

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