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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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Drop off unwanted, expired medications at eight Howard County locations on Saturday

WHAT: **National Take Back Initiative** – free, anonymous, safe disposal of unwanted, unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications

WHEN: **Saturday, April 28,** from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

WHERE: **Northern District Police Station**, 3410 Court House Drive, Ellicott City
Southern District Police Station, 11226 Scaggsville Road, Laurel
Harper's Choice Police Satellite Office, 5485 Harper's Farm Road, Columbia
Long Reach Police Satellite Office, 8775 Cloudleap Court, Columbia
North Laurel Police Satellite Office, 9105 All Saints Road, Laurel
Owen Brown Police Satellite Office, 7154 Cradlerock Way, Columbia
Oakland Mills Police Satellite Office, 5820 Stevens Forest Road, Columbia
Wilde Lake Police Satellite Office, 10451 Twin Rivers Road, Columbia

Howard County police will host eight drop-off locations for the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Take Back Initiative on Saturday. Howard County collection sites will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This initiative allows citizens to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications safely and anonymously. It offers the opportunity to reduce instances of prescription drug poisonings, misuse, abuse and theft. The program also provides an environmentally safe disposal method.

This month's drop-off is the DEA's third since 2010. Nearly, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participated in these events, collecting more than 309 tons of medication. Howard County residents disposed on 611 pounds of medication at the two prior events.

Prescriptions, both controlled and non-controlled, will be accepted. Over-the-counter medication will also be accepted. Intra-venous solutions, injectable medications and syringes cannot be accepted.

For more information and additional drop-off locations, visit www.dea.gov.

For information about safely disposing of medications in Howard County, visit http://howardcountymd.gov/AlternateDisposalTechniques.htm.

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