

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Garden City Police Department will be participating in the **United States** Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 29, 2022, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A collection center will be maintained **at** Garden City Police Department Headquarters at 349 Stewart Avenue, Garden City. This event provides an opportunity for everyone to safely discard unwanted, unused, and expired medications.

According to the DEA: *The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the United States, over 107,000 people died as the result of a drug overdose last year. This figure means that someone in the United States is dying of a drug overdose every 5 minutes.*

The Garden City Police Department also advises they accept unused, expired, and unwanted medications every day if someone cannot turn in their medications on October 29. The Garden City Police Department and DEA Drug Take Back Programs allow for the safe disposal of drugs instead of flushing, burying, or throwing them out in the garbage, which poses significant environmental and health risks.