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Dispose Of Unused Medicine Safely At Operation Medicine Cabinet

As part of an ongoing effort to properly dispose of unused medicine, community agencies will partner, once again, to provide a safe solution for Anderson County residents. In partnership with the DEA's national medicine disposal initiative, local law enforcement agencies will team up with Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) of Anderson County to host Operation Medicine Cabinet. "The most recent county-wide event drew more participation than any other disposal event in Anderson County history," according to Stephanie Strutner, Executive Director of ASAP. "We hope the community will be as responsive to this event also, increasing our safety and protecting our environment," she said.

Residents across the county are encouraged to dispose their unused medicine this Saturday at a special, regional Operation Medicine Cabinet. The Oak Ridge Police Department, Clinton Police Department, Oliver Springs Police Department, and the Anderson County Sheriff's Office along with ASAP will host the event as part of a continued effort to reduce drug abuse and practice stewardship toward our environment. From 10 AM until 2 PM Saturday, October 26, 2013, medication may be dropped off with officers in the parking lots of the locations listed below. All packaging materials will be recycled. No questions asked—no names given.

- Oak Ridge Police Department, 200 S. Tulane Ave., Oak Ridge
- Food City, 507 S. Charles Seivers Blvd., Clinton
- Food City, 1199 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge
- Food City, 508 E. Tri County Blvd., Oliver Springs

For More Information Call ASAP at 865-457-3007.

What we accept for disposal:

- Prescription medications (unwanted, expired, unused)
- Antibiotics/steroids
- Cold and flu medications
- Vitamins/herbal supplements
- Pet medications
- Medication samples
- Medicated ointments/lotions
- Unused sharps (epinephrine, unused pricking devices)

What we do NOT accept for disposal:

- Business waste
- Used needles and other sharps
- Mercury thermometers

Used needles and other sharps should be disposed by placing the sharps/needles in a sealed plastic container and putting that in with your household waste.

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