



# **Wood River Police Department to participate in National Drug Take Back Day on April 28**

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WOOD RIVER - The Wood River Police Department will be partnering with the DEA, Wood River Public Library, Chestnut Health Systems, and the Wood River Downtown Businesses by participating in the DEA National Take Back Day on April 28 from 10 a. m. to 2 p.m. at Wood River Public Library at 326 E. Ferguson Ave. in Wood River.

This program is anonymous. No questions or requests for identification will be made.

The DEA coordinates a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets.

This national take-back day provides a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction and will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical drug abuse. The program provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment and business communities to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

- Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances may be collected.
- This event is for patients and their families to dispose of unwanted medications
- Pharmacies, hospitals and physicians may NOT drop off their excess medications for disposal. We will accept meds from nursing homes since those meds belong to the patients and not the facility.
- Any solid dosage form pharmaceutical products (tablets, capsules, etc.) in consumer containers may be accepted.

- Small (pint size) bottles of cough syrups may be accepted if they are sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or heroin are not a part of this initiative. If an individual wants to surrender an illicit controlled substance, needles, intra-venous (IV) solutions, injectable, syringes you may contact the Wood River Police Department at (618) 251-3114. Inhalers and other compressed air cylinders will NOT be accepted.

The Wood River Police Department want citizens to take advantage of this opportunity and will also use this as an opportunity to interact with citizens of the community.

If you have any questions contact the Wood River Police Department and ask to speak to Chief Brad Wells.