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Sheriff's Office Hosts "Operation Take Back" this Saturday

Greenport, NY Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports that the next National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in Columbia County, will be held this Saturday, September 26th, 2015

The Prescription Take-Back Day is a program held nationally by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, (DEA), and allows anyone who wishes to dispose of any potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, to give them to law enforcement agencies who have partnered with the DEA. These agencies will then work with the DEA to dispose of the prescription drugs properly and safely.

There will be two Prescription Drug Drop Off locations in Columbia County. The first location will be at the Public Safety Facility located at 85 Industrial Tract in Greenport. The second location will be at the Sheriff's Office Hillsdale Substation located at 2684 State Route 23, in the Town of Hillsdale. Both locations will be accepting unused or unwanted prescription drugs from 10:00am until 2:00pm on Saturday September 26th, 2015.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office also has a 24 hour prescription drug take back box in the lobby of the Columbia County Public Safety Building. Those wishing to dispose of unused medication who cannot make this Saturday's take back event can dispose of unused or unwanted medication at any time by depositing them in the take back box.

Needles, IV bags, creams or liquids **cannot** be accepted. These items usually have directions with them for proper disposal.

The drop off of unwanted prescription drugs is free and anonymous.

The drugs dropped off on Saturday, will be disposed of properly so they will not be a potential hazard, will not be sold on the streets and will not make it to our water sources.

For more information for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day go to www.dea.gov and click on the "Got Drugs" icon or call the Sheriff's Office at 518-828-3344.