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KENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

KENTWOOD, MI - On Saturday, October 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Kentwood Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration announce the 21st Take Drugs Back Day by providing the public with an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted medications. Bring your pills for disposal to the Kentwood Police Department at 4742 Walma Ave SE Kentwood, MI 49512. The department will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Liquids (including intravenous solutions), syringes and other sharps, and illegal drugs will not be accepted. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last spring, DEA collected 420 tons of expired, unwanted, and unused prescription medications from the public. Over the past 20 Take Back Days, DEA has brought in more than 7,820 tons of prescription drugs. With studies indicating a majority of abused prescription drugs come from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets, clearing out unused medicine is essential.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 23 Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com or contact Vicki Highland at highlandv@kentwood.us or 616-656-6571.

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