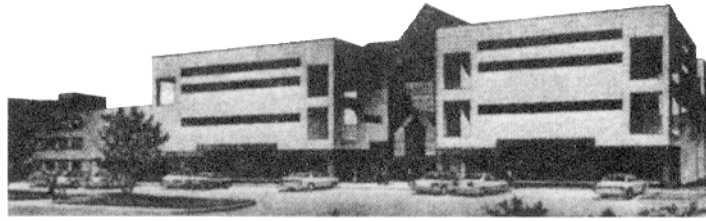




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Prescription Drug Take Back – Waukesha County

On April 30th, 2022, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) coordinated a Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative throughout Wisconsin. Drug Take Back events provide a safe and convenient method for our communities to dispose of unwanted and/or unused medication. They also serve as a mechanism to educate the community about the potential abuse and consequences of improper storage and disposal of prescription medications.

The Wisconsin initiative was part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's - National Drug Take Back day. Wisconsin Department of Justice recently announced that Wisconsin collected an approximate total of 59,840 lbs. during the spring 2022 event.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office teamed up with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, as well as the Cities of Delafield, Muskego, New Berlin, Pewaukee, and Oconomowoc, Villages of Butler, Eagle, Hartland, Menomonee Falls, Mukwonago, Pewaukee, Sussex, North Prairie, Elm Grove, Lannon, and Summit, and Towns of Brookfield and Oconomowoc to manage event day collection sites around Waukesha County.

Many of these communities are also supported by permanent drug disposal boxes in their local police departments. The drug take back events provide an opportunity for law enforcement agencies to safely dispose of accumulated, unwanted, and unused prescription drugs collected in these permanent disposal boxes.

To access additional safe disposal tips and year-round drug collection locations visit <https://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback/find-a-take-back-location/>

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The Waukesha County collection results are as follows (in pounds):

City of Delafield	132	Town of Brookfield	257	Village of M/Falls	807
City of Muskego	487	Village of Butler	81	Village of Mukwonago	337
City of New Berlin	616	Village of Eagle	64	Village of Pewaukee	252
City of Oconomowoc	736	Waukesha Co. Sheriff	931	Village of Sussex	308
Town of Oconomowoc	23	Village of Hartland	597	Village of Summit	22
City of Pewaukee	248	Village of North Prairie	39	Village of Elm Grove	109
Village of Lannon	8				

Waukesha County grand total: 6054 pounds

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