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DRUG DISPOSAL DROP-OFF BOX FAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 11-14-2012

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce a new prescription drug collection point, stationed in the lobby area of the Sheriff's Office. This drug collection project, made possible by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office, is the first year-round prescription medication collection offered in the Fayette County area and is available to residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"The drop-off program is a free, anonymous, no questions-asked initiative that prevents prescription drug abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs," said Sheriff Vernon Stanforth. "Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse."

Items that can be placed in the secure drug drop box include narcotics, non-narcotics, over the counter medications, and veterinary medications. ***Items that should not be placed in the drop box include needles or sharps, liquid forms of prescription medication, or bio-hazard materials.*** The Fayette County Sheriff's Office has participated in the drug take-back program since its inception and has found the program to be quite successful. The drug collection site in the Sheriff's Office lobby now allows citizens to discard their unused/unwanted prescription medications at their convenience, rather than having to wait for a special event.

"Deputies will check the box daily, collect the contents and prepare for disposal that is eco-friendly and in accordance with Federal and State laws", said Stanforth.

For more information or questions about items accepted, contact the Fayette County Sheriff's Office at (740) 335-6170.

