



Blaine Police Department **PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK**

The Prescription Drug Take Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

The Blaine Police Department recently partnered with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office to provide the fourth prescription drug drop off location in the county. The three other sites are The Sheriff's Office, Columbia Heights Police Department and Fridley Police Department. Since the beginning of the program in Anoka County, several hundreds of unwanted prescription drugs have been collected and disposed of.

The goal of the Prescription Drug Take Back is to provide a convenient drop off location for the public to dispose of unwanted or unused prescription drugs.

The Prescription Drug Take Back will accept unwanted prescription drugs from non-commercial, residential users only. No syringes, needles, or other hazardous materials will be accepted. The police department cannot pick up unwanted medication. Participation in the Take Back is free and anonymous; all prescriptions will be disposed of with "no questions asked."



Prescription Drug Take Back Drop Box

The Prescription Drug Take Back Drop Box is located at the:

**Blaine Police
Department**

Lobby Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

*After hours drop off is also accepted.
Use the Red Phone located in the after
hours lobby to contact dispatch for an
officer to respond.*

Questions?

Call 763-785-6132