



HALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



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Sheriff's Office to Participate in DEA Drug Take Back Day

The Hall County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce its participation in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, an initiative by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to partner with local law enforcement agencies in an effort to prevent increased illegal pill abuse and theft.

The Hall County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with local pharmacies, will be collecting expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs and over-the-counter solid medications for destruction on Saturday, April 30th, 2011, from 10 AM - 2 PM at the following locations:

Gainesville

Hall County Law Enforcement Center, 610 Main St., Gainesville

South Hall

Citizens Pharmacy, 5325 Atlanta Hwy., Flowery Branch

North Hall

Murrayville Pharmacy, 5304 Thompson Bridge Rd., Murrayville

The service is free of charge, and participants can remain completely anonymous. However, illegal substances such as marijuana, methamphetamine, intravenous solutions, and hypodermic needles will *not* be accepted. There will be a Deputy Sheriff at each location to collect the prescription drugs.

This is the first nationwide program that addresses the proper disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. Currently there is no viable recycling solution, and in many cases solid waste facilities, which typically handle recycling and disposal programs, will not accept pharmaceutical waste. An Associated Press investigation found that more than 250 million pounds of pills are flushed each year, posing an environmental problem because many of these compounds are incapable of being filtered out in sewage treatment plants and can possibly return to the water supply.

The first National Take Back Day, which was held in September, 2010 was a huge success, resulting in 121 tons of medications turned in nationwide. More information is available on the official [DEA website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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