

Public Information Release  
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The Acworth Police Department is once again partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in a nationwide initiative to prevent increased prescription pill abuse and theft. The Acworth Police and the DEA will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at Lacey Drug Company, located at 4797 S. Main Street in Acworth. The campaign will run from 10 am to 2 pm. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Most people are not aware that medicines that remain in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.

The Acworth Police Department is capable of accepting these expired, or unused prescription drugs year round with a permanent collection box at the police department. We encourage anyone to bring these medications in for destruction. Again, no questions will be asked.

Disposing of these unused medicines will cut down the risks of prescription drug abuse and accidental poisonings or overdoses due to these drugs remaining in an unsecured state. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

**We cannot and will not accept needles/sharps, syringes, thermometers, IV bags, bloody or infectious waste, personal care products, empty containers, inhalers, and/or medical equipment.**

For more information on the “Take-Back” initiative please contact Officer Youlanda Leverette at 770-974-1232.

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