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EVERY DAY IS Drug Take Back Day in Erie County

Pete Schade, Health Commissioner at the Erie County Health Department and his staff have been working with local law enforcement and the community to ensure that everyone has access to proper disposal options for over-the-counter and prescription medication. “We want to get all expired and unused medication off the streets and out of our water systems”, said Schade.

Erie County has taken a progressive approach to disposal of these drugs. Many nearby counties have “take back days” once or twice a year. **In Erie County, every day is drug take back day!**

This collaborative effort of the Erie County Health Department, the Partners for Prevention of Erie County, the Erie County Sheriff’s Office, the Huron Police Department, the Sandusky Police Department and the Vermilion Police Department will provide a community safe from unwanted and expired drugs on the streets, in our neighborhoods and in the environment.

To dispose of these medications, if possible, empty all solids into a sealable plastic bag. Leave all liquids in the purchased container. Next, go to the closest law enforcement office listed below and simply drop these medications into the secure steel box. It’s that easy.

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| Erie County Sheriff’s Office | 24 hours/day |
| <i>2800 Columbus Ave, Sandusky</i> | |
| Sandusky Police Department | 24 hours/day |
| <i>222 Meigs Street, Sandusky</i> | |
| Vermilion Police Department | 24 hours/day |
| <i>5791 Liberty Ave, Vermilion</i> | |
| Huron Police Department | Mon—Sat (8 am—4 pm) |
| <i>417 Main Street, Huron</i> | |



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