



CARVER COUNTY

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**WHAT IS THE  
MEDICINE TAKE  
BACK PROGRAM?**



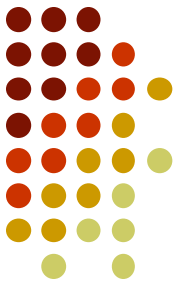
# WHAT IS IT?



The Medicine Take Back Program is a program where citizens can safely and conveniently dispose of unwanted medications and drugs.

**Got Drugs?**





Our Medicine Take Back Program is a partnership between TRIAD, CC Public Health, CC Attorney's Office and the DEA.

It is funded through the Sheriff's Office and the DEA.



# Why?



- Medications are dangerous to citizens and environment.
- Educate the public about the dangers of having unwanted medications in a home.
- Reduce the possibility of poisoning of children.
- Reduce the temptation of drug abusers victimizing citizens to obtain medications and drugs.

# National Program Results



- October 01, 2015

DEA'S Prescription Drug Take-Back Effort-- A Big Success

- **OCT 01 (WASHINGTON)** - Thousands of Americans in communities across the country discarded more than 350 tons of unused, expired, or unwanted drugs as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Initiative (NTBI) on Saturday, September 26.
- This past weekend, more than 3,800 federal, state and local counterparts took in more than 702,365 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted drugs at more than 5,000 collection sites across the United States. This was the tenth NTBI event since September 2010; cumulatively, these events have collected 5,525,021 pounds of drugs (4,474,574 lbs? That the listed weight of the Space shuttle. The Saturn-V was a hefty 6,699,000 lbs).
- “The numbers are shocking—approximately 46,000 Americans die each year from drug-related deaths. More than half of those are from heroin and prescription opioids,” said Acting DEA Administrator Chuck Rosenberg. “With four out of five new heroin users starting with prescription medications, I know our take-back program makes a real difference.”
- The NTBI addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. That same study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's NTBI events are also a significant piece of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's prescription drug abuse prevention strategy.



# Our Local Program



Since our start in the program in 2011, the Carver County Sheriff's Office has collected and disposed of 5,872.5 pounds of unwanted medicines and drugs. That is nearly 3 tons of drugs that would have gone into our air, water or sat in our houses. This is the equivalent weight of 11 professional football players, 4 cows, or a Humvee.



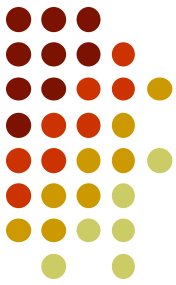
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# Local Stats



DATE	LOCATION	WEIGHT AMOUNT (lbs)	BOX AMOUNT
<b>October 29, 2011</b>	Chanhassen	125.75	13
	Chaska CCSO	101.5	17
	Waconia	61	6
<b>Sub Total</b>		288.25 lbs	36
<b>April 28, 2012</b>	NYA	28	2
	Watertown	32	2
	Victoria	83	7
	Chaska Permanent Site	71	6
<b>Sub Total</b>		214 lbs	17
<b>September 29, 2012</b>	Chanhassen	124	13
	Waconia	49	5
	Cologne	13.5	1
	Chaska PD	48	5
	Chaska Permanent Site	125.5	10
<b>Sub Total</b>		360 lbs	34
<b>April 27, 2013</b>	Mayer	64	6
	Hamburg	38.5	4
	Carver	115	10
	Chanhassen Permanent Site	192	15
	Chaska Permanent Site	250.5	26
<b>Sub Total</b>		660 lbs	61



<b>October 26, 2013</b>	<b>NYA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>
	Watertown	50.5	4
	Victoria	63	6
	Chanhassen Permanent Site	185	15
	Chaska Permanent Site	651.5	36
	<b>Sub Total</b>	980 lbs	63
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>		<b>2,502.25</b>	<b>211</b>

<b>April 26, 2014</b>			
	Waconia	116.5	9
	Mayer	36	5
	Cologne	5	1
	Chanhassen Permanent Site	Combined	
	Chaska Permanent Site	662.5	35
	<b>Sub total</b>	820	50
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>		<b>3,322</b>	<b>261</b>

<b>September 27, 2014</b>			
	Hamburg	9.5	1
	New Germany	2.5	1
	Carver	105.5	8
	Waconia Permanent Site	Combined	
	Chanhassen Permanent Site	Combined	
	Chaska Permanent Site	782.5	38
	<b>Sub total</b>	900	48
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>		<b>4,222</b>	<b>309</b>





April 16, 2015			
	NYA	6.5	1
	Watertown	35	2
	Victoria	50	2
	Waconia Permanent Site	combined	
	Chanhassen Permanent Site	combined	
	Chaska Permanent Site	546.50	34
	<b>Sub total</b>	638	39
	<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>4,860</b>	<b>348</b>

September 26, 2015			
	Mayer	21.5	2
	Cologne	14.5	2
	Carver	83.5	6
	Chaska/Waconia/Chanhassen Permanent Sites	896	27
	<b>Sub total</b>	1015.5 lbs	37 boxes
	<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>5,875.5 lbs</b>	<b>385 boxes</b>

# Where and When does this Happen?



The Carver County Sheriff's Office has 3 permanent sites at:

- Waconia City Hall
- Chanhassen City Hall
- Carver County Sheriff's Office

The take back boxes are permanently secured in the lobbies of these sites.



- We also conduct temporary take back days 2x a year. Usually in the spring and fall.
- We move the sites throughout the County to ensure that all citizens are able to utilize the program.

# What happens to the Drugs?



- After we have a Take Back Day, we collect all the medications and drugs that we have collected from the Take Back Day, the permanent sites since the last take back day, and any medications and drugs that are in our evidence vault that is deemed for disposal.
- An Officer and another person transport the drugs and medications to an EPA approved incinerator for destruction.



- At the site, the vehicle, its contents and the occupants are weighed.
- The medications and drugs are loaded onto a crane. The employees watch as the crane dumps the items into the incinerator.
- The vehicle and contents are then weighed again upon exit. The employees are provided a weight form and the DEA covers the cost.

# How is this beneficial to Me?



- First and foremost, it allows the citizens a location to dispose of unwanted medications and drugs. If they are thrown away or flushed in the toilet, they find their way into the environment and eventually into the food we eat and the water we drink.



- It allows citizens to remove the unwanted medications and drugs from their homes , thereby removing the risk of accidental poisoning of children, and temptation by those who abuse drugs and medications.
- It saves the County taxpayers the cost of disposing of medicinal and drug related evidence that is no longer needed for court.



# How can I participate and help?



- The best way you can participate and help is to take your unwanted medications and drugs and safely dispose of them in our take back boxes.
- You can also help by spreading the word among your friends and neighbors.

A man in a brown shirt is looking down at a pill tray on a shelf in a medicine cabinet. The cabinet contains several brown pill bottles and a white bottle. The background is slightly blurred.

**Don't Let  
Your Pills  
Become  
His Drug  
Of Choice**

**Medicine Take-Back Day**

**QUESTIONS?**

**Sheriff's Office, 606 East Fourth Street, Chaska  
Chanhassen Senior Center, 7700 Market Boulevard  
Waconia City Hall, 201 South Vine Street**