

Just Over 2,300 pounds of Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications Delivered in RX4Safety Program

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EDWARDSVILLE - Friday, September 13, 2019, deputies from the Madison County Sheriff's Office made their drop off in regard to the "Rx 4 Safety" prescription drug initiative.

Sheriff John D. Lakin, in partnership with Madison County Planning and Development and ALL the Police Chiefs of Madison County, in this tenth collection, have collected just over 2,300 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications. These medications have been disposed of at a federally regulated location, approved by the E.P. A. (Environmental Protection Agency). Since implementation of the RX4Safety program in April 2015, the Sheriff's Office has disposed of just over 8 tons of medication. This is a collective effort between the community and law enforcement to protect the environment from the improper disposal of medications/drugs and to keep our prescription medications from being ingested accidentally, stolen, or misused.

Secured drop off bins are located at the following Police Departments: Alton, Bethalto, Collinsville, East Alton, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Granite City, Highland, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Maryville, Roxana, SIU-E, Troy, and Wood River. These bins were provided by CVS Pharmacy, Republic Waste and the American Water Company. The outstanding part of this initiative is that these drop off locations are available to the

citizens 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Citizens don't have to wait for a specific date to get these items out of their homes. These are the items we CAN accept:

Any over the counter medications, vitamins, liquids, narcotics, cough syrup, prescription medicines, hormones, painkillers, antibiotics, ointments, oils, and any unidentified pills. These are the items we CANNOT accept:

Oxygen tanks, asthma inhalers, mercury thermometers, hearing aids, household waste, and sharps or needles.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative or the information provided in this release, please feel free to contact Jaimie Linton, Administrator of Business Affairs, for the Madison County Sheriff's Office at (618)296-4850.