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In a continuous effort, the Troy Police Department has Once again partnered with the Drug Enforcement Agency to be a collection site for another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. This event is to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Last April, Americans turned in 552,161 pounds—276 tons—of prescription drugs at over 5,600 sites operated by the DEA and nearly 4,300 state and local law enforcement partners. In its four previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 1.5 million pounds—nearly 775 tons—of pills.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Prescription pills for disposal can be brought to the Troy Police Lobby located at 500 W Big Beaver between the hours of 10:00 A.M and 2:00 P.M on Saturday September 29, 2012 to dispose of them under this program. Only dry pills will be accepted, no liquids, sharps or packaging material.

The Troy Police Department will continue to participate in the Operation Medicine Cabinet prescription drug take back program throughout the year. Citizens can bring unwanted prescription drugs to the Police lobby 7:00 A.M to 10:00 P.M Monday through Friday and 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday for disposal. (No medical offices or commercial disposal allowed for Operation Medicine Cabinet)