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Operation Medicine Drop: Dispose of Expired and Unused Medicine

Did you know, the average North Carolinian fills [17 prescriptions annually](#)? Studies show that as much as 40 percent of drugs dispensed are never used for their intended purpose. This contributes to accidental poisoning, overdose and substance use problems in our community.

You can help protect family, friends and neighbors by participating in Operation Medicine Drop on Nov. 8 at the Public Health Center located at 10 Sunnybrook Road in Raleigh.

Wake County staff will be on site from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. to accept expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and controlled substances. No questions asked. Please note, needles cannot be accepted.

By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent misuse of unused medications.

Additionally, residents can visit any of the 11 permanent prescription drug take-back boxes in Wake County to drop off medications throughout the year. They are located at:

- Apex Police Department, 205 Saunders St., Apex
- Cary Police Department, 120 Wilkinson Ave., Cary
- Fuquay-Varina Police Department, 114 N. Main St., Fuquay-Varina
- Garner Police Department, 912 7th Ave., Garner
- Holly Park Pharmacy, 3058 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh
- Holly Springs Police Department, 750 Holly Springs Road, Holly Springs
- Morrisville Police Department, 260 C Town Hall Drive, Morrisville
- Wake County Law Enforcement Training Center, 2300 Law Enforcement Drive, Raleigh
- Wake County Public Health Center, 10 Sunnybrook Road Raleigh
- Wake County Sheriff's Office, 330 Salisbury St., Raleigh
- Wake Forest Police Substation, 221 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest

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