



Drug Take Back, Shred-It Event and Food Drive set for Saturday, October 22

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On Saturday, October 22, the York-Poquoson D.A.R.E. Office in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is holding a Drug Take Back event to provide citizens with an opportunity to drop off

expired or unneeded prescription pills and patches to help prevent drug abuse or theft. Pills and/or patches can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the York-Poquoson D.A.R.E. Office, 5338D George Washington Memorial Highway (in the Washington Square Shopping Center). The Drug Take Back cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps. This service is provided at no charge and is anonymous, no questions asked. This is the 12th opportunity in six years that the DEA has partnered with local law enforcement offices to provide this service to the public to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

“Last year in York County, we collected just over 100 pounds of prescription medication,” said Sgt. Mark Medford, York-Poquoson D.A.R.E. Officer. “That’s four garbage bags full of medicine we can safely dispose of and remove what could be a potential threat to our community. We greatly appreciate the participation of our citizens.”

Additional Drug Take Back sites are available. Visit the DEA’s Diversion Control website for more information and sites: www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.

As an additional service to the community, the D.A.R.E. Office is partnering with the York County Beautification Committee to provide citizens with an opportunity to shred personal papers to help protect from identify theft. Shredding services have been provided for free by the county at past recycling drop-off events.

Certain rules that apply to the shredding services include:

- A maximum of four boxes (no greater than 12”x10”x15”) of paperwork per person is accepted
- There is no need to remove staples or paperclips
- Papers may be brought in plastic bags; however, please make sure no plastic bags are among the papers as they can damage the shredder

Additionally, the public may drop off non-perishable canned/boxed food for donation to the Peninsula Food Bank to serve the needs of the hungry in our area.

Information about the Drug Take Back event in York County is available by calling the York-Poquoson D.A.R.E. Office at (757) 890-3273.

Information about the shredding and food drive is available by calling the Waste Management Center at (757) 890-3780.

