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DID YOU KNOW?

Citizens of Rock County and surrounding areas have a permanent MedReturn Drug Collection Unit.

Citizens looking to dispose of unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the Rock County Courthouse.

BKR Wise Choices Substance Abuse Coalition has partnered with the Rock County Sheriff's Department to establish a permanent <u>MedReturn</u> drug collection program in order to reduce the supply of drugs that can potentially harm teens and adults.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. Among youth who are 12 to 17 years old, 7.4 percent report past year non-medical use of prescription drugs.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, a statistic that includes raiding the family medicine cabinet. Rock County citizens do not have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The collection site is open Monday- Friday from 9:00 am -5:00 pm. Drugs can be dropped off in the receptacle with no questions asked.

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