



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Guthrie County has Permanent Drug Drop Location**

Dispose of your unused & expired prescriptions continually to ensure higher community safety against home invasion & theft. Take-back programs are offered for some medications at your local pharmacy as well as this controlled substance drop off site!

**WHO:** Guthrie County Sherriff's Department

**WHAT:** Any Prescription Drug Drop Off

If these items are submitted in the original containers personal information should be crossed off. If this is not possible, submit the medication in clear bags. Medication could be current or expired unwanted/no longer needed medications.

***We will not accept IV bags, needles, bloody or infectious waste, pharmaceutical waste not generated by households, radioactive pharmaceuticals or vaccines.***

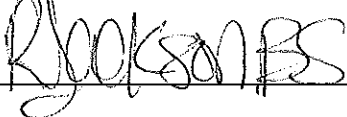
**WHEN:** Monday thru Friday (unless a city holiday) 8:00-5:00

**WHERE:**

Guthrie County Sherriff's Department  
200 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Guthrie Center, IA 50115

**WHY:** According to the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health conducted by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), every day, 2,500 youngsters age 12 to 17 try a painkiller for the first time, and teen's abuse prescription drugs more than any illicit street drug except marijuana.

A vast array of pharmaceuticals—including antibiotics, anti-convulsions, mood stabilizers and sex hormones—have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans, according to an Associated Press investigation. The Guthrie County Sherriff's Department wants to keep dangerous pills out of the hands of minors and out of our water supplies.

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Regina M. Jackson, *Guthrie County Prevention Consultant*

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Sheriff Marty Arganbright, Guthrie County Sheriff

**Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.**