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**Village to hold prescription drug take-back program Saturday**

*Residents invited to turn in unused or expired medications*

ELMWOOD PARK, IL - The Village is holding a prescription drug take-back program Saturday, September 29, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Elmwood Park Public Safety Building, 7420 W. Fullerton Ave.

“This gives the public the opportunity to properly dispose of pills and other medications that may be taking up space in people’s medicine cabinets,” Village President Pete Silvestri said. “Unwanted or unused drugs can fall into the wrong hands or pose an environmental hazard through improper disposal. We want to avoid both.”

The program is part of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Studies have found that residential supplies of pharmaceuticals often become the targets of teens or criminals. Since most controlled substances are created synthetically and are not removed through the normal water treatment process, they can pose a threat to ground water supplies if emptied into the sink or flushed down the toilet.

“This is another “green” initiative aimed at protecting our environment and promoting a healthy, sustainable community,” added Village President Silvestri.

Items that will be accepted include tablets, capsules and pills. The service is free, completely anonymous and no questions will be asked.

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