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Neighborhood Watch offers free year-round drug disposal information

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (April 26, 2022) – Getting rid of expired and unwanted prescription drugs helps prevent accidental overdose, theft, misuse and accidental ingestion of these medications. Irresponsible disposing of these medications, such as flushing down the toilet, can also negatively impact local waterways as well.

The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch encourages residents to take advantage of free year-round safe drug disposal by visiting the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) website at https://deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/index.html, and click on *Search for Year Round Pharmaceutical Disposal Locations*. Entering a zip code will bring up the closest location, either in The Woodlands or nearby.

Due to changes in DEA policy, The Woodlands Township *will not* collect medication on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 30, 2022, at the Township Town Hall and encourages the use of the website listed above.

“Sharps” (items with needles) are not collected at the kiosk locations. For information on disposal of needles or syringes for household use in Texas, please visit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) website for instructions at:
https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/waste_permits/msw_permits/medwaste/gi-418.html.

For more information about drug disposal or The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch, please call 281-210-3800, visit www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/neighborhoodwatch or follow the Neighborhood Watch at www.facebook.com/townshipneighborhoodwatch.



Kiosks for safe disposal of prescription medications are available at certain locations in the area, and a list of available locations can be found at https://deادiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/index.html.