

# Take Back Your Unused Prescription Drugs

Washington, DC – U.S. Representative Randy Hultgren (IL-14) today urged all residents of Illinois' 14th Congressional District—including those in McHenry, Lake, Kendall, Kane, DuPage, DeKalb and Will Counties—to participate in the nationwide drug “take-back” day on April 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This event will provide residents with no-cost, anonymous collection of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription medicines, including powerful opioid painkillers. Rep. Hultgren has been leading the charge in northern Illinois to stop the epidemic of heroin and opioid abuse.



(Rep. Hultgren using new drug drop box with Kane County Coroner Rob Russell)

“Prescription drug abuse has wrecked countless lives, and careless disposal or neglect of home medicines exacerbates the problem. Further, the link between prescription drugs and eventual heroin use is clear, and we must work together as a community to lessen the danger to the young and old alike,” said Rep. Hultgren. “When a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet, the entire northern Illinois community must check their homes for these drugs and get them out of harm’s way. Please bring them in for safe disposal so we can protect our families, our neighbors and our waters.”

**Nearby collection sites on next page or visit:** <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/index.html>

(The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.)

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (more than 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs.

In March, Rep. Hultgren held a *Community Leadership Forum on Heroin Prevention* at the Kane County Government Center in Geneva to tackle the issue of opiate abuse in all its forms.

Based on the breakout discussion groups, Rep. Hultgren compiled a working draft action plan as a tool to keep the momentum going and ensure community coordination and follow-up to what was discussed. Rep. Hultgren has urged the community to offer their edits, comments and suggestions to the working draft, available on his website at <http://hultgren.house.gov/heroin>, as the recommendations are finalized into a larger and more final action plan this summer.

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| PARTICIPANTS NAME  | COLLECTION SITE   | ADDRESS                              | CITY                 | STATE,<br>ZIP | -DISTANCE |
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| <b>If you do not find a collection site near you, please check back frequently, sites are added every day.</b>     |   |                                      |                      |               |           |
| VILLAGE OF CAROL STREAM<br>POLICE DEPARTMENT   | CAROL STREAM MUNICIPAL CENTER   | 500 N. GARY AVE.                     | CAROL STREAM         | IL,<br>60188  | 4 mi.     |
| GLEN ELLYN POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | GLEN ELLYN POLICE DEPARTMENT  | 535 DUANE                            | GLEN ELLYN           | IL,<br>60137  | 6 mi.     |
| NAPERVILLE POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | NAPERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY<br>TOWN                                 | 1350 AURORA AVENUE                   | NAPERVILLE           | IL,<br>60540  | 8 mi.     |
| GLENDALE HEIGHTS POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | GLENDALE HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>LOBBY                                 | 300 CIVIC CENTER<br>PLAZA            | GLENDALE<br>HEIGHTS  | IL,<br>60139  | 6 mi.     |
| ROSELLE POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT   | ROSELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>ROSELLE FIRE STATION/FIRE BAY                  | 100 E. MAPLE                         | ROSELLE              | IL,<br>60172  | 9 mi.     |
| KANE COUNTY CORONER'S<br>OFFICE  | KANE COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE  | 719 S. BATAVIA<br>AVENUE, BUILDING E | GENEVA               | IL,<br>60134  | 10 mi.    |
| GENEVA POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | GENEVA PD   | 20 POLICE PLAZA                      | GENEVA               | IL,<br>60134  | 10 mi.    |
| VILLA PARK POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | VILLA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  | 40 S ARDMORE AVE                     | VILLA PARK           | IL,<br>60181  | 10 mi.    |
| ADDISON POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT   | ADDISON POLICE DEPARTMENT   | 3 FRIENDSHIP PLAZA                   | ADDISON              | IL,<br>60101  | 9 mi.     |
| ILLINOIS STATE POLICE<br>DISTRICT 2 ELGIN  | ILLINOIS STATE POLICE<br>DISTRICT 2 ELGIN                                   | 777 S. STATE STREET                  | ELGIN                | IL,<br>60120  | 12 mi.    |
| AURORA POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT  | 1200 E. INDIAN TRAIL                 | AURORA               | IL,<br>60505  | 11 mi.    |
| WOODRIDGE POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT   | WOODRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>WHOOGLELAND@VIL.WOODRIDGE.IL.US              | 1 PLAZA DRIVE                        | WOODRIDGE            | IL,<br>60517  | 12 mi.    |
| WESTMONT POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT  | WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>WILLING TO BE A TAKE BACK RALLY<br>POINT ALSO | 500 N. CASS AVENUE                   | WESTMONT             | IL,<br>60559  | 12 mi.    |
| SOUTH ELGIN POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT   | SOUTH ELGIN POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>AT CVS PHARMACY                            | 255 N. MCLEAN BLVD                   | SOUTH ELGIN          | IL,<br>60177  | 13 mi.    |
| ELK GROVE VILLAGE POLICE<br>DEPARTMENT   | ELK GROVE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT<br>JNOWACKI@ELKGROVE.ORG                | 901 WELLINGTON AVE                   | ELK GROVE<br>VILLAGE | IL,<br>60007  | 14 mi.    |
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