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## **Novi Police taking back unwanted prescription drugs on April 22, 2023**

**NOVI, Mich., April 11, 2023** – On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, the Novi Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide citizens another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Anyone with such medications may bring them for disposal to Novi Police Headquarters, 45125 W. Ten Mile Rd, between Novi and Taft Roads. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked.

Last October, Americans turned in 324 tons (over 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,900 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners, including 120 pounds of unwanted or expired pills at the Novi Police Department.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that remain in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information on the Novi Police Department, please see [cityofnovi.org](http://cityofnovi.org)