

Douglas County rounding up prescription drugs

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Partnership of Community Resources, in conjunction with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, will be conducting a Prescription Drug Roundup on April 30 from 10am to 2pm.

The purpose of the Rx Roundup is to get unused and unwanted prescription medications out of medicine cabinets – where they can be stolen or abused – and safely dispose of them.

A majority of teens who abuse prescription medication secretly obtain them from medicine cabinets of friends or relatives. The goal is to reduce the availability of access to these drugs by reducing or eliminating the quantity of old medications in homes.

Additionally, many people are unsure of how to dispose of old prescription medications, so they dump them down the sink or flush them down the toilet. These substances can end up in the water table, where they can contaminate the water supply and the environment.

Pet medications may also be turned in. No syringes or epipens will be accepted or collected.

The Prescription Drug Roundup will take place at the following locations:

Walgreen's Pharmacy, 1342 N. Highway 395, Gardnerville

WalMart Supercenter, 3770 Topsy Lane, Carson City

TRE Volunteer Fire Station, 1476 Albite Road, Wellington

Safeway Supermarket, 212 Elks Point Road, Round Hill

DCS0 Substation, 1281 Kimmerling Road, Gardnerville Ranchos.