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National Drug Take Back October 25, 2025

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It's time to start looking through your expired or unused prescription medications that pose a public safety risk!

On Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 10:00am-2:00pm, you can drop off those medications behind the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. The South Plainfield Police Department, through the guidance of Chief Peter Papa, will have Officers collecting those medications.

All you have to do is drive up to the back of Borough Hall, stay in your car, and Officers will take the drugs and dispose of them in containers provided by the DEA. Once collected, the DEA will dispose of them properly.

Please bring the expired or unused prescription medications in their original bottles or in a clear, sealed bag. Be sure to remove any labels on the bottles or use a permanent marker to black out personal health information, including name, address, and health insurance date. This helps to protect your privacy while ensuring medications are safely collected for proper disposal.

Throwing drugs in the trash or flushing them down the toilet can harm our water supply and soil. When you dispose of drugs properly, you keep children safe from accidental poisoning, help prevent potential drug misuse, protect the environment and help keep your South Plainfield community safe.

You can dispose of prescription drugs, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins and supplements, pet medications and controlled substance prescription drugs.

No needles, aerosol cans (inhalers, etc.) or illegal drugs will be accepted.

In 2024, 8 million Americans aged 12 and older misused pain relievers, with most involving opioids. While misuse rates dropped slightly from 2021-2024, opioid misuse continues to pose health dangers, including addiction and overdose. Opioid-related overdose deaths decreased by 27% to 57,743 in 2024, thanks to naloxone distribution and better treatment access, though early 2025 data shows a possible increase.

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