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Romeoville Introduces New Prescription Drug Collection Program

The Village of Romeoville has joined many local law enforcement agencies by installing a prescription drug collection box to give residents the opportunity to properly and safely dispose of unwanted, unused and expired medicines.

The prescription drug collection box is now in place in the front lobby of the Romeoville Police Department at 1050 W. Romeo Road. Residents can drop off unneeded prescription medication, over the counter medication, prescription ointments, vitamins, sample medication, prescription patches, and medication for pets.

The following items will not be accepted: aerosol cans, inhalers, hydrogen peroxide, thermometers, needles and other sharps, ointments, lotions, and liquids. The drug collection box is located near the glass partition separating the police department from Village Hall.

Properly disposing of medicines is important to prevent abuse or poisoning and protect the environment. Prescription drug abuse is a growing problem, especially among teens, and accidental poisonings from medicines are on the rise. Medicines flushed down the drain or disposed of in the trash can pollute bodies of water, harm wildlife and end up in drinking water supplies.