



## Press Release

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### **Hamilton County Now Has a Permanent Drug Drop Off Location**

Citizens looking to dispose of excess and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications can now visit the safe and secure permanent drop off location at the Webster City Police Department.

Community and Family Resources has partnered with Hamilton County Crimestoppers and Webster City Police Department to develop a Drug Take Back Kit that includes a plastic bag to place unwanted/unused drugs in that includes information on the program and prevention resources.

According to the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy, 56% of Iowa teens ages 12 to 18 report that it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parent's medicine cabinet. Forty-two percent of those same teens report non-medical use of prescription drugs in the past year.

Properly disposing of excess drugs is everyone's responsibility as a matter of public safety. More than 70% of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family. Now Hamilton County citizens won't have to wait for a specific take-back day to clean out their medicine cabinets.

The collection site is located at 500 Second Street and is available during normal business hours. At this time only non-controlled substances and veterinarian medications can be dropped off with no questions asked.

The drug take back kit is a collaborative effort of Community and Family Resources, Hamilton County Crimestoppers, and the Webster City Police Department, who are committed to providing a safe, secure, and environmentally friendly way to help communities collect unwanted or expired household medication, including prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs and unused pharmaceuticals. If you or someone you know needs help with prescription medication use, please contact Katie Talbot, Prevention Specialist, at 515-509-7859 or [katiet@cfrhelps.org](mailto:katiet@cfrhelps.org).

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