



# SPF-PFS Newsletter

## What's Happening

- July 4th- Independence Day, Red Rock BHS closed
- July 26-OPPA @ 11 at Gateway to Prevention in Shawnee, OK

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## Walgreens Leads Fight against Prescription Drug Abuse in Oklahoma

Individuals in Oklahoma now have a safe and convenient way to dispose of their unwanted, unused or expired prescriptions, including controlled substances, and over-the-counter medications, at no cost. Walgreens has installed nine safe medication disposal kiosks in Walgreens locations across the state. The safe medication disposal kiosks make the disposal of medications easier while helping to reduce the misuse of medications and the rise in overdose deaths.

"By making safe medication disposal kiosks available in select Oklahoma stores and expanding to other states this year, Walgreens is taking an important first step to curb the misuse of medications throughout the country," said Richard Ashworth, Walgreens President of Pharmacy and Retail Operations. "As a pharmacy, we are committed to playing a role in what must be a comprehensive solution to prevent prescription drug and opioid abuse."

"I appreciate Walgreens taking this step to help Oklahoma and other states limit the dangerous abuse of prescription drugs by introducing these medication disposal kiosks," said Governor Fallin. "It is also good to know that Walgreens will dispense naloxone, without a prescription, to treat opioid overdoses."

The installation of safe medication disposal kiosks in Oklahoma is part of a nationwide effort and is expected to be completed at more than 500 Walgreens locations later this year. The kiosks at Walgreens pharmacies will be available during regular pharmacy hours (24 hours a day at most of these locations) and will offer one of the best ways to ensure medications are not accidentally used or intentionally misused by someone else. Safe medication disposal kiosks are also available in select Walgreens pharmacies in California and Washington.

"Safely disposing of unused medications is an important step in protecting families from potential misuse and abuse of prescription medications," said Commissioner White. "Walgreens commitment to the community is commendable, and is making a difference in our broader initiative to prevent and address prescription drug abuse statewide."

Drug abuse continues to be a public health and safety risk. More Americans die every day from drug overdoses than from motor vehicle crashes, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy. About 780 Oklahomans died following drug overdoses in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That same year, the CDC reported a national total of 47,055 drug overdose deaths, which include death from prescription and illicit drugs. That is a 6.5 percent increase from 2013 and a 140 percent increase since 2000.

Walgreens is also collaborating with the American Pharmacists Association Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies to continue to offer a substance abuse education program for pharmacists and student pharmacists.

In addition to offering a year-round solution for individuals to dispose of their medications, Walgreens continues to participate in DEA sponsored National Prescription Drug Take Back Days, serving as a collection point in communities for law enforcement to collect unwanted, unused or expired medications for safe disposal.

### Select Oklahoma Walgreens with safe medication disposal kiosks:

- Broken Arrow -- 950 E. Kenosha St.
- Claremore -- 601 W. Will Rogers Blvd.
- Edmond -- 1400 E. 2nd St.
- Lawton -- 701 NW Sheridan Road
- Midwest City -- 101 N. Midwest Blvd.
- Oklahoma City -- 5120 N. May Ave.
- Tulsa -- 7111 S. Lewis Ave.
- Tulsa -- 11332 E. 31st St.
- Tulsa -- 1714 Utica Square



# Grady County Prescription Drop Box Locations



## Chickasha Police Department

2001 W. Iowa Ave.

Chickasha,  
Oklahoma 73018

405-222-6050

## Grady County Sherriff's Office

302 N. 3rd

Chickasha,  
Oklahoma 73018

405-222-1000



## **Do you have unused or expired prescriptions in your medicine cabinet?**

The purpose of these drop boxes are for citizens to dispose of their unused or unwanted prescriptions and keep them from getting into the wrong hands and appropriate disposal reduces the amount of prescription drug residue out of water sources. OBN also partners with an Oklahoma based company to destroy unused pharmaceuticals and turns it into green energy.

The process is simple: Take your unwanted or expired prescriptions to the police station and drop it in the box. There are no forms and no questions. It is FREE and Anonymous! The drop box does not allow syringes, chemicals, or inhalers.



### **Helpful Websites:**

- [www.RedRockRPC.com](http://www.RedRockRPC.com)
- [www.Drugfree.org](http://www.Drugfree.org)
- [www.Ok.gov/odmhsas](http://www.Ok.gov/odmhsas)
- [www.ok.gov/obndd](http://www.ok.gov/obndd)
- <http://takeasprescribed.org/>
- <http://cc-han.com/>

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