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Safe Disposal of Unused or Expired Prescription Medicines

Prescription drug abuse is Oklahoma's fastest growing drug problem and in 2012, Oklahoma had the fifth highest unintentional poisoning death rate in the nation (18.6 deaths per 100,000 population). Of the nearly 3,900 unintentional poisoning deaths in Oklahoma from 2007-2012, four out of five involved at least one prescription drug.*

One way to be a part of the solution is disposing of prescription drugs properly. Many people have prescriptions that are expired or unused and because of the increase in prescription drug abuse it is important to safely dispose of those medicines. Medicine take-back programs are a good way to remove expired, unused or unwanted medicines from the home. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD) has many drop off boxes for people to securely and safely dispose of any unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs. In Canadian County, there are four drop boxes. The locations are listed below:

- **Canadian County Sheriff's Office**
304 N. Evans
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036
- **Mustang Police Department**
650 E. State Highway 152
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064
- **Yukon Police Department**
100 S. Ranchwood Blvd.
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099
- **Piedmont Police Department**
400 Edmond Road NW
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078

To locate a drop box in or near other towns, please visit the OBNDD website or www.takeasprescribed.org.

For more information on the growing prescription drug abuse problem in Oklahoma, please visit www.takeasprescribed.org or contact the RPC. Red Rock RPC's Mission is to encourage individual responsibility, positive behavior, and personal growth; strengthen families and communities; promote a drug-free society through education, training, prevention, research, advocacy, and environmental strategies. Red Rock RPC is funded through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information on Red Rock RPC please contact Lauren Greenfield at 405-422-8873 or visit www.redrockrpc.com.

**<http://takeasprescribed.org/the-problem/>*