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North Bend and Snoqualmie Police Take Back Unwanted and Prescription Drugs on October 29

North Bend/Snoqualmie – On October 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the North Bend and Snoqualmie Police agencies along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the disposal sites listed below. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

- North Bend Police will staff a drop location in the Park & Ride lot at E. North Bend Way & McClellan.
- Snoqualmie Police will staff a drop location at the Snoqualmie Fire Station, 37600 SE Snoqualmie Parkway.

Additionally North Bend and Snoqualmie police stations have drop boxes that are open for the public's use five days a week during business hours. Between the drop boxes and the dedicated drop days, local agencies have removed hundreds of pounds of unwanted or unneeded prescription drugs from the area, safely disposing of them without harm to the environment.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

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