Take Meds Back! Safe Disposal Drop Boxes

The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office has installed four safe disposal sites for residents to drop off unused or expired household medications. Secure medication drop boxes are now available at the following locations:

- Sheriff’s Office Lobby, 200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden
- Jail Lobby, 200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden
- South Precinct, 11139 Bradford Road, Littleton
- Mountain Precinct, 4990 County Highway 73, Evergreen

Drop boxes are the best option for families and individuals to safely dispose of potentially harmful medications. Prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and vitamins can be disposed of in the drop box. However, Sharps items, chemotherapy medication, and marijuana products may not be disposed of in drop boxes. Healthcare facility waste is also not permitted. The average American household contains four pounds of prescription and over-the-counter medications. Sheriff Jeff Shrader explains “this excess of medications enables opportunities for misuse and abuse, which can have very serious consequences. If medication is taken incorrectly or by people it was not intended for, it could even lead to death.” The Sheriff’s Office obtained its drop boxes through the Colorado Household Medication Take-Back Program, administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. Medication collected in the boxes is securely packaged and shipped off-site, where it is converted to renewable energy. If you have any questions, please contact the Sheriff's Office at crimeprevention@jeffco.us.