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Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office a Prescription Drug Drop-off Site

Pursuant to an initiative through Iowa's Office of Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Iowa, the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office has joined numerous other sheriff's offices across the state in providing a drop box for getting rid of unused, unwanted, and left-over prescription medications.

The initiative is called "the 99 County Drug Drop Box Project", and requested the sheriffs of all 99 counties to ensure drop box locations for all of Iowa's citizens. "While I recognize that there are various programs and other box locations in our county, this was an opportunity for us to make a very convenient, year round location for prescription medication drop off," says Sheriff Tony Thompson. "The box itself was donated from the U.S. Postal Service, Waterloo Post Office. The painting was donated by John's Autobody in Waterloo, and the signage was provided by Nagle Signs of Waterloo. The box is now located in our front vestibule of the Sheriff's Office and available 24 hours a day for the disposal of prescription medications."

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“Prescription drug addiction is an urgent and growing threat to Iowa’s public health. Drug Drop Boxes help save lives and protect families from increased dangers of prescription drug misuse.” according to Officer Al Fear of the Cedar Rapids Police Department, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office NDIA- Heroin Initiative Midwest HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Coordinator. “We have found that while U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration drug ‘take-back’ days have been effective, the availability of the no cost, anonymous collection of unwanted and expired medicines through Drug Drop Boxes have proven to be very effective all year long.”

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