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Sheriff Hackel Offers Medication Disposal Service

The Macomb County Sheriff's Office has implemented a free medication disposal program for unwanted/unused prescribed narcotic medication.

"Storing outdated prescriptions creates an opportunity for abuse," says Sheriff Mark A. Hackel. "We don't want the drugs ending up in our water supply and even more we don't want them falling into the wrong hands," he added.

"The easiest place for youth to acquire drugs is in the medicine cabinets of their own home. Pharmaceuticals are the most abused, misappropriated, stolen drugs and our goal is to dispose of them so that they stay out of the hands of our children," added Sheriff Hackel.

The Macomb County Sheriff's Office has placed a secure location in the main lobby on the Macomb County Jail. The drop off location at 43565 Elizabeth Road in Mt. Clemens will be open daily, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Food and Drug Administration reports; one in five teens is intentionally misusing someone else's prescription drugs to get high. Some say they get the medications from friends and relatives by stealing from their medicine cabinet. Disposing of unused medication will not only help keep Macomb County's water supplies clean, but help prevent illicit drug use.

Sheriff Hackel is pleased to offer this service and he looks forward to working with our citizens to help keep Macomb County safe and our water free from contamination of all drugs.

For more information the residents can call the Sheriff's Office at 586-469-5151.