Onondaga County's new SNADD program offers a solution for the safe disposal of household medications. As a joint effort, the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office, Onondaga County Health Department, Upstate New York Poison Center, Covanta, OCRRA, REACH CNY, Prevention Network, the Citizen's Campaign for the Environment, and others have joined together with local participating police departments to install medicine drop boxes at their facilities. Police departments will now act as collection sites for both over-



the-counter and prescription medications. The goal is to reduce the availability of all drugs in the home, especially more dangerous drugs such as pain medications. This new program will help reduce the risk of ingestion, exposure, and abuse of drugs in our communities.

This Saturday, October 22 will be the next DEA Drug Take Back event. As a complement to this twice-annual Drug Take Back event, eight police departments in Onondaga County now have Medicine Drop Boxes available during regular business hours. These boxes will allow the general public to rid their homes of both over-the-counter and prescription medications on a regular basis, not just twice a year.

The SNADD program also allows for the disposal of hypodermic needles and other sharps such as lancets used for at-home medical care which are not presently accepted for collection at the DEA Take Back events. These items will be collected in a separate sharps kiosk at some of the participating police departments. For further information or to find a Med Box or sharps kiosk in your area, call your local police department.

Participating police departments in Onondaga County include:

- Baldwinsville
- Camillus
- Cicero
- DeWitt

- Geddes
- Manlius
- Marcellus
- Syracuse

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