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## Drop Off Unused Drugs at the Senior Expo

Salt Lake County, Utah – Utah families will have an opportunity to drop off their unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs at the Senior Expo Utah, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday and Friday, October 21-22 at the South Towne Expo Center, 9575 S. State Street, Sandy.

Officers from the Sandy City Police Department will be present to collect unused medications. “While we have a permanent medication collection box in the lobby of our police department, this is another opportunity for folks to clean out their medicine cabinet and have drugs safely destroyed,” said Sandy City Chief of Police, Steve Chapman.

“We are pleased to offer this service as part of the Senior Expo for seniors and families who want to properly dispose of their medications. Once a prescription is issued, pharmacists cannot take them back. That is why we are working with the Sandy City Police who can legally take possession of these medications,” said Ken Venable, public information officer with the Salt Lake County Division of Aging.

“The public has become very concerned about abuse and poisonings from unused prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs” said Leah Ann Lamb, assistant director of the Division of Water Quality. “But they are also concerned about the impact to the environment from flushing medicines down the toilet or sink” she added.

The medication take-back is just one of many services provided at this year’s Senior Expo, which is free of charge to the public. For more information visit: <http://www.seniorexpo.org/>

The Department of Environmental Quality has provided grants to local law enforcement agencies to provide collection boxes. For more information on proper medication disposal, including a list of the collection box locations, visit: [www.medicationsdisposal.utah.gov](http://www.medicationsdisposal.utah.gov).

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