

## REMOVE THE RISK FROM YOUR HOME- PARTICIPATE IN LAKE COUNTY'S MEDICATION AND NEEDLE TAKE BACK EVENT

Event at Luther Fire District 1 on December 15 from 1-3pm

November 22, 2021- The United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of prescription drug misuse and abuse and in Michigan, opioid overdose deaths have almost tripled over the last five years.

Did you know?

- Every 10 minutes a child visits the emergency room for medication poisoning
- 12.5 million people aged 12 and older misused opioids in the last year
- Three in five teens say prescription pain medication is easy to get from their parents' medicine cabinet

To help turn the tide on this epidemic, the Lake County Communities That Care Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition, Lake County Sheriff's Department and Luther Fire District 1 are partnering to host a medication and needle take-back event on Wednesday, December 15th from 1-3pm at Luther Fire District 1, located at 650 Linden St, Luther, Michigan, 49656.

Community medication and needle take-back events provide a safe process for disposing of excess medications and used needles while protecting the public safety and health of our communities, children, and environment. Please, remove the risk from your home and bring these items to the event to be properly disposed.

If you are unable to attend the event in Luther, medications can be disposed of at the below local drop-off sites:

- **Lake County Sheriff's Office (drop-box available 24 hours/day):** 1153 Michigan Ave., Baldwin, MI 49304; 231-745-2712
- **Baldwin Family Healthcare (drop-box available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm):** 1615 Michigan Ave., Baldwin, MI 49304; 231-745-4624
- **Pattie Drug (drop-off available Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm):** 868 Michigan Ave., Baldwin, MI 49304; 231-745-4697

In addition to medication disposal, syringes and needles can be disposed of at:

- **District Health Department #10 Baldwin Office (drop off available Monday – Friday, 8-4:30pm):** 5681 S. M37, Baldwin, MI 49304; 231-746-4663

Always check with your local disposal site before dropping off your medications. If you have questions, please contact the Lake County Communities That Care Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition at: [qgriffin@dhd10.org](mailto:qgriffin@dhd10.org), or 231-368-1051.

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