

LANE COUNTY

PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK

MARCH 2016



WHAT IS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT?

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days began in 2010 to meet the growing need for patients, caregivers, and pet owners to safely dispose of unused or unwanted medications.

Take-back days seek to:

- Reduce prescription drug abuse,
- Prevent pharmaceuticals from entering our water sources;
- Reduce unintentional poisonings; &
- Raise awareness about the issue of prescription drug abuse and the importance of safe storage and disposal of unwanted medication in our community.

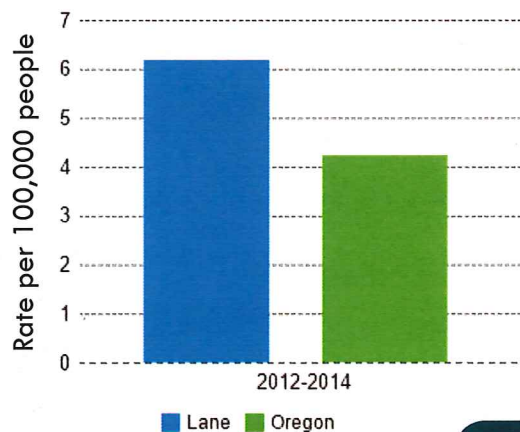
Safe disposal of unused and expired prescription medications promotes the health of Lane County residents as well as our environment in the following ways:

Reduces access for prescription drug abuse, especially among kids and teens. More teens abuse prescription drugs than cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine combined. Teens say prescription drugs are widely available from a variety of sources, including their home medicine cabinets, and those of friends and relatives.

Keeps our waterways clean. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality sampling has found trace amounts of pharmaceuticals in some Oregon streams and rivers, and even groundwater. Flushing unwanted medications down the toilet leads straight to the wastewater treatment plant, and eventually, our waterways.

Reduces avoidable poisonings of pets and children. Taking your drugs to a collection box is an easy way to keep medications away from kids and pets.

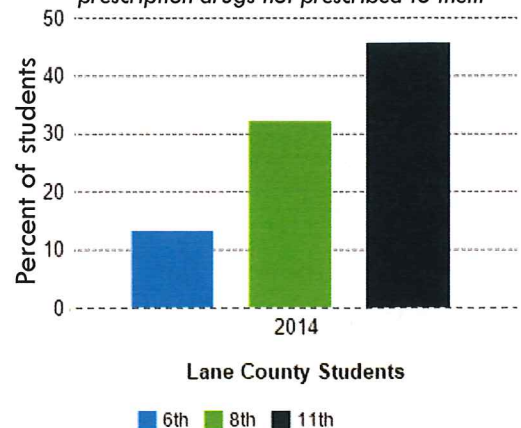
Prescription Opioid Deaths



Overdose from prescription drugs, specifically opioids, continues to be a concern in our community and across the nation. From 2012-2014, the annual death rate from prescription opioid overdose was 6 per 100,000 in Lane County. The death rate across Oregon was 4 per 100,000 (source: Oregon Health Authority).

Ease of Access for Youth

Students reporting it would be easy to get prescription drugs not prescribed to them



Early initiation of substance use puts youth at a greater risk for dependency, addiction, and other negative health consequences. In 2014, 13% of Lane County 6th grade students, 32% of 8th grade students and 46% of 11th grade students reported that it would be "sort of easy" or "very easy" to get a prescription drug not prescribed to them (source: Lane Student Wellness Survey).



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP BOXES IN LANE COUNTY

Dispose of your outdated and unused prescription
& over-the-counter medications.

Drop Box Locations:

COBURG (Mon-Fri 8-5) Police Dept. - 91136 N. Willamette St.

COTTAGE GROVE (24 hrs) Police Dept. - 400 E. Main St.

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POLICE DEPT (24 hrs) - 300 Country Club Rd.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE (Mon-Fri 8-5)- 125 E. 8th Ave.

FLORENCE (Mon-Fri 8-5) Police Dept. - 900 Greenwood St.

JUNCTION CITY (24 hrs) Police Dept. - 672 Greenwood St.

OAKRIDGE (24 hrs) Police Dept. - 76435 Ash St.

SPRINGFIELD (Mon-Fri 8-5) Justice Center - 230 4th St.



For more
information, visit:

preventionlane.org

During 1 Rx Drug Take
Back Event

450

pounds of unused
prescription drugs
were collected in
Lane County



Reduced access to
prescription drugs in
our community



Fewer youth abusing
prescription drugs



**Prevention
Works.**