The nonmedical use of prescription drugs is a growing problem in Henderson County. According to statistics from the Department of Justice, the number of deaths and treatment admissions for the abuse of prescription drugs has increased significantly in recent years. Violent crime and property crime associated with drug abuse, diversion and misuse of controlled prescription drugs has increased in all regions of the United States over the past five years. Prescription drug abuse is especially on the rise for young adults. They abuse prescription drugs more than any illicit drug except marijuana-more than cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine combined. Each of us is in a unique position to reduce access to prescription drugs because these drugs are often found in the home. We have established this Medication Collection Program to facilitate the collection and safe destruction of unwanted, unused and expired medications. We are committed to reducing the number of residential break-in’s, accidental overdoses, and families impacted by the misuse of medication.

Sheriff Charles S. McDonald

We accept prescription pills, capsules, creams/ointments, vitamins, liquids in their original container, inhalers and patches.

We do not accept needles or chemotherapy medication.

Henderson County Office of the Sheriff
The Henderson County Sheriff’s Office is committed to providing exceptional law enforcement services to all people within our jurisdiction. We will strive for excellence as we respond to the needs of our community and to each other. We will implement strategies to prevent and reduce crime as we dedicate our lives to our chosen profession.

The mission of the Henderson County Sheriff’s Office is to serve our community by reducing, preventing and investigating crime. We enforce the law to maintain peace and security for our citizens. We strive to be a highly trained and dedicated team of professionals who hold ourselves to high ethical standards. We value the contributions of our personnel and the sacrifices they make. We swear to uphold this sacred trust, and we will not waiver from our noble purpose.

The Henderson County Sheriff’s Office places great value in Courage, Honor and Integrity by emphasizing allegiance to our Oath of Office and to the Honor of the Badge. We will carry out our duties with fairness and impartiality while holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professional and moral conduct.

Before bringing medication in for destruction, please follow these guidelines:

- **Take Pills and Capsules from their original containers and place them all into a zip lock storage bag.** We do have storage bags available at the Sheriff’s Office if needed.
- **Combine vitamins, aspirins, pain medications and prescription medications into the same zip lock bag. They will be incinerated as one item.**

We cannot accept needles or chemotherapy drugs.

**LIQUIDS, INHALERS, CREAMS**

- **Medications that are liquids** (cough medication etc.) **should be kept in their original containers.**
- **Ensure the caps are secure on the containers of liquids or creams and then place them into Storage bags.**
- **Inhalers** or medications in pressurized spray form should be **kept in their original containers.**
- **Take labels off** medication containers or use a black marker to cover all personal information before placing into storage bags.