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## CLEARWATER POLICE PARTICIPATES IN STATEWIDE OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

**WHO:** Clearwater Police Department  
Pinellas County Sheriff's Office & Partnering Law Enforcement Agencies  
Walgreen's

**WHAT:** Operation Medicine Cabinet

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 21, 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Walgreen's  
1505 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater - CPD  
(Southeast corner Belcher Road & Nursery Road)

Walgreen's  
1880 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater - CPD  
(Southwest corner Belcher Road & Sunset Point Road)

**SUMMARY:** The Clearwater Police Department is participating in a statewide campaign – Operation Medicine Cabinet - to allow citizens to safely discard unused or expired prescription medications. OMC is a multi-agency effort aimed at addressing the problem of prescription drug abuse and keeping a clean environment.

Citizens can stop by during the designated times and drop off their medications for safe collection and disposal with no questions asked. Please be aware that no bio-hazards or needles will be accepted and that the program is intended for private citizens of Pinellas County and not for commercial use.





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OMC has partnered with Walgreen's and all of the drop-off sites will be set up at Walgreen's parking lots. There are eight (8) participating law enforcement agencies in Pinellas County with a total of 19 drop sites. For more information on other agencies or locations visit:

<http://www.pcsoweb.com/news%20releases/ReleaseItem.aspx?id=2456>

In addition to getting drugs off the streets, OMC also helps improve our water quality. Proper disposal of medicines can help alleviate the issue of trace amounts of pharmaceuticals that have been detected in some drinking water systems around the country. Disposing of unused medicines down the toilet or sink drain can contaminate our aquatic environment, because wastewater treatment systems are unable to remove many medications from the water they process. Traces of drugs may end up in surface water, ground water, domestic wastewater, industrial wastewater, agricultural runoff, reclaimed water and other waters.



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