

Operation Medicine Drop Scheduled for March

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As part of North Carolina's 2nd Annual Operation Medicine Drop Week held during March 20-26, 2011, Safe Kids Rowan County is partnering with the Rowan County Sheriff's Department, NC State Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration to set up Operation Medicine Drop.

The event will occur on **March 24 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at the Rowan County Rescue Squad, 1140 Julian Road, in Salisbury. A second event will also be held during the same time at the Landis Town Hall, corner of S Main St and W Rice St in Landis.** Citizens can come by and safely dispose of old or unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications at no charge.

Operation Medicine Drop is a take back initiative that is part of a grassroots effort working on medication disposal. By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters. This is a partnership of the Riverkeepers of NC, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of NC and local law enforcement agencies.

In 2010, over 2 million doses of medications were retrieved and destroyed at nearly 200 take-back events across the state.