

# **CHATHAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT**



## **Press Release**

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### **National Prescription Drug Takeback Is a Local Success**

CHATHAM COUNTY, Georgia (April 30, 2019): The total weight of the National Prescription Drug Takeback is in and Chatham County is happy to report this event was deemed a success.

This past weekend, Chatham County government, the Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team, the Chatham County Police Department, and a number of federal, state and local counterparts took part in collecting unused, expired or unwanted drugs at four local sites throughout Chatham County. The collected drugs weighed in at 206 pounds. The local total will be submitted to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) who will collect totals throughout the country.

The National Prescription Drug Takeback addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 6.5 million Americans abused controlled prescription drugs. That same study showed that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's National Prescription Drug Takeback events are also a significant piece of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's prescription drug abuse prevention strategy.

Chatham County thanks all residents who took part in this event. If you missed this event and would like to still take part, you can access a 24/7 drop-off bin in the front lobby of the Chatham County Sheriff's Office located at 1050 Carl Griffin Drive,

Savannah, Georgia. There is also a drop-off bin located at the Chatham County Courthouse located at 133 Montgomery Street, Savannah, Georgia. The bin is located inside the courthouse which can be entered Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. with the exception of scheduled holidays.

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DEA Prescription Drug  
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Saturday, Apr. 27  
10 AM - 2 PM

