Agencies to assist with safe medicine disposal

BELFAST (Nov 24): Waldo County TRIAD, the Belfast Police Department and the Waldo County Sheriff's Department are partnering with the Safe Medicine Disposal for ME Program to provide a means for folks of all ages to dispose of unwanted prescription medications.

Citizens may stop by the Belfast Police Station on Church Street and pick up a free medicine return kit, which includes a free postage-paid envelope and instruction packet.

People can take the kit home and package unused and unwanted medicines in the envelope, using the instructions provided with the kit. The envelopes are then returned by mail to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to be safely destroyed.

If senior citizens are unable to travel to the Police Station, a Belfast police officer will deliver free medicine return kits to Belfast residents and Waldo County Sheriff's deputies will deliver free medicine return kits to homes in Waldo County.

This program is absolutely free.

The Safe Medicine Disposal for ME Program has a toll free helpline: 1-866-637-9743. Call with any questions about the safe packaging of the medicines.

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