**<YOUR ORGANIZATION’S NAME> Now Offering a Safe and Sustainable Solution for Household Medication Disposal**

<Your Organization’s Logo>

*MedDropTM medication collection kiosks from Stericycle now available at <YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME>*

**CITY, STATE (abbreviated). — RELEASE DATE —** <YOUR ORGANIZATION and brief description> today announced that it is partnering with leading regulated medical waste management company [Stericycle, Inc.](https://www.stericycle.com/en-us) to offer [MedDrop](https://www.stericycle.com/en-us/solutions/specialty-services/consumer-drug-take-back-kiosks) medication collection kiosks. Stericycle's MedDrop kiosks provide community patrons with a safe, secure and convenient way to dispose of unused or expired household medications.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drug overdose deaths in the U.S. increased by nearly 30% from 2019 to 2020 – an unprecedented spike fueled in part by the COVID-19 pandemic.1 Of the estimated 93,331 American deaths from a drug overdose in 2020, the CDC reports that nearly three-quarters involved an opioid.1

“A primary element fueling the growing opioid crisis is the diversion of prescription painkillers from the intended user to friends or family members who were not prescribed the medication,” said <YOUR COMPANY SPOKESPERSON>. “Although limiting the prescription of these medications is critical, so too is ensuring a safe and sustainable way to dispose of unused or expired drugs. Through the implementation of MedDrop medication collection kiosks and our partnership with Stericycle, <YOUR ORGANIZATION> will provide a convenient disposal option for the community.”

<Here you can include a paragraph about your organization’s stance on the opioid crisis, the importance of safe disposal and your goals to support the community.>

****MedDrop kiosks help combat the opioid epidemic by providing safe disposal for unused or expired medications that could otherwise have been diverted or abused. While MedDrop collection kiosks help keep medications away from unintended users, they also protect the environment by mitigating the contamination of waterways and drinking water systems as a result of improper disposal from flushing. Since its launch in 2016, Stericycle’s MedDrop solution has safely disposed of over 5 million pounds of consumer medications. MedDrop is part of a broader Stericycle portfolio of [Safe Community Solutions](https://www.stericycle.com/en-us/solutions/specialty-services/consumer-take-back-solutions) that offers a variety of disposal options for common household healthcare wastes.

<Your Kiosk Image>

MedDrop kiosks are also free, conveniently located and accessible year-round. Residents can safely dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications, including controlled substances (Schedules II-V), as well as over-the-counter items. The MedDrop collection kiosk is located at **(ADDRESS)** in **(CITY)** andis accessible from **(TIME)** to **(TIME).** Collected materials will be properly disposed of by Stericycle, Inc.

To use the MedDrop kiosk, residents should first make sure that their medication does not include any needles, sharps, aerosols and batteries, which are not accepted. All medications should be contained in a sealed bottle or jar (especially liquids, creams and ointments), and residents should remove or obscure any personally identifiable information. Unwanted medication can then be placed in the MedDrop kiosk at no cost.

For more information about our MedDrop medication kiosk program, call **(PHONE NUMBER)**.

**References:**

## 1Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Provisional Drug Overdose Death Counts. Available at <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/drug-overdose-data.htm>.

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**<YOUR ORGANIZATION'S NAME>**

<YOUR ORGANIZATION'S BOILERPLATE; a brief paragraph (2-3 sentences) about your organization's mission and purpose.>

**About Stericycle**

Stericycle, Inc., is a U.S. based business-to-business services company and leading provider of compliance-based solutions that protects people and brands, promotes health and well-being and safeguards the environment. Stericycle serves customers in the U.S. and 16 countries with solutions for regulated waste and compliance services, secure information destruction and patient engagement. For more information about Stericycle, please visit [stericycle.com](http://www.stericycle.com/).

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