

## **DRUG DROP BOX**

The City of Fairbank along with the Fairbank Police Department are happy to announce a partnership with the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office. They will be installing a drug and medication drop box that will be located on the front side of City Hall next to the building entry doors. The drop box is available for public access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Citizens can use this drop box for safe and proper disposal of unused, unwanted or expired prescription and overthe-counter drugs and medications, including veterinarian drugs and medications.

All types of unwanted drugs and medications, including illegal drugs, may be placed in the drop box. Please do not put needles, sharps, glass, liquids, inhalers, gauze and other non-drug related items in the drop box. Drugs and medications do not need to be in their original packaging. If original packing is used, name labels do not need to be removed from prescriptions unless desired as all items are incinerated.

Citizens do not have to be Buchanan County residents to use this drop box and may do so anonymously. The purpose of this drop box is to allow citizens to dispose of unused, unwanted or expired drugs and medications safely and properly, keeping them from contaminating landfills and water supplies. It also helps combat the growing problem of prescription drug and medication abuse among teens and young adults, which can oftentimes lead to unintentional overdose deaths.

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