



National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 27, 2019



Introduction

On Saturday, **April 27, 2019, from 10am to 2pm**, Drug Enforcement Administration will coordinate a collaborative effort with law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from our nation's medicine cabinets. A national Take Back day will provide a unified opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. This one day effort will bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program also provides an opportunity for law enforcement, prevention, treatment and the business community to collaborate and establish a safe collection site for all Americans, regardless of where they reside.

Collection Day Protocols

- **On Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 10am to 2pm**, state and local law enforcement agencies in conjunction with private organizations will host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing. Locations should be selected that provide easy access and available parking.
- Collection efforts may be combined with community drug awareness activities and involve the distribution of brochures and other information.
- **A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. We encourage you to contact your state or local Police Department to request their assistance.** Collected pharmaceutical products should be handled as drug evidence to safeguard the surrendered material.
- **Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications will be collected.**



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- This program is **absolutely anonymous** and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification will be made by law enforcement personnel present.
- Participants can but is not mandatory to remove any personal information from bottles or packages that contain pills/capsules and liquids and place the bottles or packages into the disposal box.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications
- Liquid products and creams in its containers will be accepted.
- Sharps and syringes **will not** be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- **Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in the collection boxes.** If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with their department's policy.
- At the conclusion of the event, a law enforcement officer will seal (tape) the drug disposal boxes, and label the box with the site location along with the police department's name.