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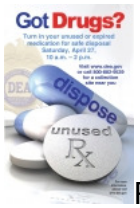
Prescription Take Back Day is Saturday April 27th



Residents throughout the USA have the opportunity to prevent prescription pill abuse by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs with a "Drug Take Back" day.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity for those who missed previous disposal events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

A list of available drop-off locations is available on the DEA's website by clicking here.

The service is free and anonymous.

Recently, a nationally projectable survey results released by The Partnership at Drugfree.org and MetLife Foundation confirmed that one in four teens has misused or abused a prescription drug at least once in their lifetime – a 33 percent increase over the past five years.

The Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATS) also found troubling data on teen misuse or abuse of prescription stimulants. One in eight teens (13 percent) now reports that they have taken the stimulants Ritalin or Adderall when it was not prescribed for them, at least once in their lifetime.

The "Drug Take Back" initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines left in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. Prescription drug abuse can lead to accidental poisonings and overdoses. In the past, Americans would typically dispose of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash. Officials now say, both methods pose potential safety and health hazards.

Last September, Americans turned in 244 tons of prescription drugs at over 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its five previous

"Drug Take Back" events, the DEA and its partners took in over 2 million pounds of pills.