

National Drug Take Back Day Initiative

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 27th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

[Click here for a collection site near you.](#)



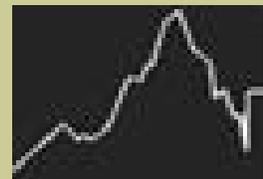
On Saturday, April 27, 2013, Virginia will participate in the sixth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), this collaborative effort between state and local law enforcement agencies provides residents with an opportunity to dispose of potentially dangerous controlled substances from their medicine cabinets in an environmentally safe manner. Collection activities will take place from **10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.** at sites designated by police throughout Virginia. In the five previous National Prescription Drug Take-Back events, more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation and properly disposed.

For more information about this initiative and to determine the closest collection site to your location please go to:

National Take Back Initiative Collection Site Search:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States. According to the most recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) survey, prescription medications are the second-most abused category of drugs, with marijuana being first. As the dependence on prescription drugs for non-medical use continues to increase, the 2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) found that medicine cabinets are where youth between the ages of 12 and 18 most often obtain the drugs and there have been 1.9 million or more new non-medical pain reliever users each year since 2002. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2010, more than 38,000 people died from drug overdoses, and nearly 60 percent of these deaths involved prescription drugs.



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