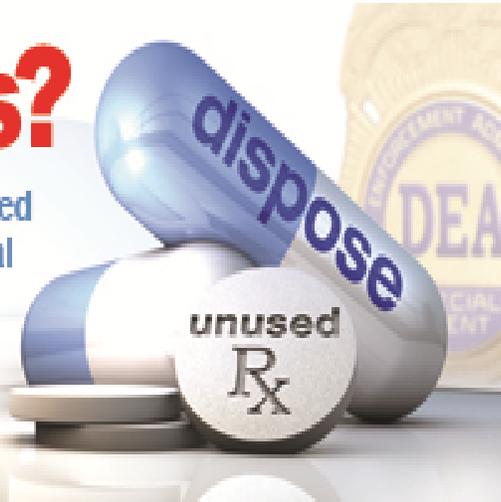


National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Initiative

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 26th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Click here for a
collection site near you.



Virginia will participate, **Saturday, April 26, 2014 in the eighth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.** Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, 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 law enforcement throughout Virginia. To find a collection site nearby or for more information, click on the following link: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/. Please note that this service is free and anonymous; no questions asked.

During the last National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 26, 2013, citizens turned in 647,211 pounds (371 tons) of expired and unwanted prescription medications for safe and proper disposal at 5,683 locations operated by DEA and state and local law enforcement. This was the second-largest nationwide collection of medications in seven Take Back Days. When the results of the seven events to date are combined, more than 3.4 million pounds (1,733 tons) of prescription medications have been removed from circulation. Virginia, specifically, collected 20,072 pounds of prescription drugs at 200 collection sites across the state.

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/

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem in the United States. DEA characterizes this initiative as a vital public safety and public health issue. Prescription drugs that languish in home medicine cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. According to the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high; more Americans (6.8 million) currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens like LSD and inhalants (sniffed household products) combined. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Therefore, it is important for prescription drugs to be disposed of properly to help reduce the risk of prescription drug diversion and abuse.



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