



National Drug Take Back Day

Do you have expired, unwanted drugs lying around you don't know what to do with? Now is the time to dispose of them properly and safely. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is hosting its fifth National Drug Take Back Day on **Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00am to 2:00pm** at many local law enforcement offices and other locations across the country. **Proper and safe disposal of medicine can help prevent:**

- Poisoning of children and pets
- Misuse by teenagers and adults
- Health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine or a medicine too old to work well
- Medicines from entering rivers, lakes and streams

Some medicines poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet pass through wastewater treatment plants and enter rivers, lakes and streams which are often used as sources for community drinking water supplies.

To find a location near you, visit the website below and click on, "Find a collection site near you". On the next page, fill in your zip code or County/City/State, select a distance, and click "Submit." A list of collection locations and addresses will pop up.

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

The national number for citizens to call to find their nearest collection site is **1-800-882-9539**.

For information on how to dispose of pharmaceuticals properly please visit:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/ppcp/upload/ppcpflyer.pdf>