

DEA NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

The DEA will be sponsoring a National Prescription Drug Take Back on April 30, 2011 from 10am to 12pm. DEA will be partnering with various police agencies in all 50 states to facilitate this program. Collection efforts may be combined with community drug awareness activities and involve the distribution of brochures and other information.

This is what we know as of now:

State and local agencies will host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing

What will be collected:

All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted - -

- ✓ Controlled
- ✓ Non-controlled
- ✓ Over-the-counter
- ✓ Liquids such as cough syrup

What will NOT be collected:

- ✗ Intra-venous solutions, injectibles, syringes/sharps
(these will not be accepted due to the blood-borne-pathogen hazard potential)
- ✗ Aerosols, inhalers
- ✗ Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers. If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with department policy

This program is anonymous.

- All efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of those disposing of the medication.
- No questions or requests for identification should be made.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement to count, inventory, or log medications

Disposal:

- Medication may be disposed of in the original container **OR** by removing it from the original container and dropping it directly into the collection box.
- *!Liquids should remain in the original container!*
- All participants must retain possession of their own medications during the surrender process. Law Enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time