



National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK**

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On Saturday, October 27, 2018, from 10 AM to 2 PM, the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring your pills for disposal at the following sites. The DEA cannot accept needles or sharps, only pills, patches, and liquids sealed in their original container. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

- Office of the Sheriff Muir Station, 1980 Muir Road, Martinez, CA.
(Field Operations Building)
- Office of the Sheriff Bay Station, 5555 Giant Highway, Richmond, CA.
(West County Detention Facility)
- Danville Police Department, 510 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA.
- Lafayette Police Department, 3471 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, CA.
- Orinda Police Department, 22 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish at home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the Take Back event, go to the DEA Office of Diversion Control website at:

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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