

National Take Back Initiative

Saturday, April 27, 2013

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

DEA has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications. In the five previous Take-Back events, DEA in conjunction with our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners, have collected more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications and removed them from circulation.

On Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. citizens can drop off unwanted and unused prescription drugs at the San Marino Police Department, 2200 Huntington Drive, San Marino (626) 300-0720.