



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE

Subject : Redondo Beach to take part in The National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign Saturday, April 30th.

The City of Redondo Beach will take part in the DEA organized National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign Saturday, April 30th, 2011. The DEA is coordinating the nationwide campaign which is a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to collect potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabinets in all fifty states.

The Redondo Beach drop off site will be set up at the Knob Hill Community Center located at 320 Knob Hill from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. During this time, unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs will be accepted. This program is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Both prescription and over the counter drugs will be accepted and the substances do not need to be in their original container. No intravenous solutions, injectables, or needles will be accepted. Illicit substances such as methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana, are not part of this program and will not be accepted.

Prescription drug abuse in the United States is increasing at an alarming rate along with the rate of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Many of the unused or expired prescription medications that are kept in the home are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. This program provides a proper, safe, anonymous, and easy way to dispose of these potentially harmful substances.

For questions concerning the Redondo Beach event, please contact Officer Don Martinez of the Community Services Unit at (310) 379-2477 Ext. 2565 or log on to the Redondo Beach Police Department website at www.redondo.org/police. While in Redondo Beach, information can also be obtained on 1630 AM, the city's informational broadcast station. Collection sites in every local community can be found by going to www.dea.gov.

This Press Release was prepared by Lieutenant Joe Hoffman.