



Press Release

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Subject : Redondo Beach to take part in Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign on Saturday, September 27, 2014.

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The City of Redondo Beach will take part in the DEA organized National Prescription Drug Take-Back campaign on Saturday, September 27, 2014. The DEA is coordinating the campaign which is a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies to collect potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabinets.

Redondo Beach will have a drop off site at 320 Knob Hill, Redondo Beach which will operate 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. Illicit substances such as methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana, are not part of this program and will not be accepted. Hypodermic needles will not be accepted for this prescription drug take back.

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. 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. This program provides a proper, safe, anonymous and easy way to dispose of these potentially harmful substances.

For questions concerning the Redondo Beach event, contact Officer Mike Diehr of the Community Services Unit at (310)379-2477 Ext. 2493. Collection sites in every local community can be found by going to www.dea.gov.

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