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Drug Take Back Program set for April 25

The Burleson Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on April 25. Residents can drop off unused, expired or unwanted medications, in both pill and liquid form, for safe disposal. The April event will be held at WalMart Supercenter parking lot, 951 S.W. Wilshire Blvd.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The Prescription Drug Take-Back events provide a way for patients, caregivers, and pet owners to dispose of controlled substance medications such as painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants like ADHD drugs instead of flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash.

Proper disposal of medicines protects you by preventing poisoning of children and pets; deterring misuse by teenagers and adults; avoiding health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well; and, keeping medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

If you can't make it to the Drug Take Back Program, a drug drop box has been installed in the lobby of the police department, 1161 SW Wilshire Blvd. This box is available to the public Monday through Sunday, 24 hours a day, to deposit unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications.

For additional information about this program, please call Sgt. Wes Routson at 817-426-9947.

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