



National Prescription Drug **TAKE BACK** This Saturday, April 24, 2021

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On Saturday, April 24, 2021, 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.

“This is a great way to get rid of unused prescription drugs in our homes,” said Contra Costa Sheriff David Livingston. “These drugs could fall into the wrong hands and harm family members and friends. This is an opportunity for everyone to help prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths.”

Needles and sharps cannot be accepted; only pills, patches, and liquids sealed in their original container will be accepted. Vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers are accepted only after the batteries are removed from the devices.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Bring your pills for disposal at the following sites. COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

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)
- Office of the Sheriff Valley Station, 150 Alamo Plaza, #C, Alamo, CA.
- 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.

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.7 million people aged 12 or older misused prescription pain relievers in the past year. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

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.