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NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29
Asbury Park Police Department Provides Opportunity for Safe Disposal of Pills and Medication

4/26/17, Asbury Park, NJ - On Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Asbury Park Police Department will be hosting a collection site for the Drug Enforcement Agency's National Prescription Take Back Day.

The Asbury Park Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 13th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Municipal Lobby located at 1 Municipal Plaza, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (over 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3,500 tons (more than 7.1 million pounds) of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from 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.

Please Remember the collection site will not accept liquids, syringes or other sharp instruments. Please mark this date on your calendar and take part in this event and help address the epidemic of addiction, overdose and death due to the abuse of prescription drugs, particularly opioid pain killers.

For further information or locations of other collection sites, please visit www.dea.gov or call the Asbury Park Police Department Community Relations department at 732-775-6124 or 732-272-5655. For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).