



NEWS RELEASE

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PALATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Saturday, April 22nd, at the Palatine Police Headquarters

595 N. Hicks Rd. Palatine, IL

Palatine, IL – On Saturday, April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Palatine Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills and patches for disposal to the Palatine Police Headquarters located at 595 N. Hicks Rd. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last fall, Americans turned in 324 tons (647,163 lbs.) of prescription drugs at more than 4,900 sites operated by the DEA and over 4,300 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 23 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in nearly 17 million pounds—more than 8,300 tons—of pills and prescription drugs.

To ensure a quick and safe transaction, please do the following;

- **Medication:** All medication should be sealed in clear plastic zip-lock bag(s).
- **Syringes:** Although the DEA does not accept Syringes, Palatine Police will accept Syringes for disposal. **Syringes must be capped and packaged separately from medication.**
- **Liquids:** WILL NOT be accepted.
- **Creams:** UNOPENED creams only.

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—pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 22nd Take Back Day event, go to www.DEATakeBack.com or call the Palatine Police Department at 847-359-9000.



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**Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, April 22
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.
Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

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**Entregue los medicamentos que no necesita
para que se desechen en forma segura.**

**Sábado 22 de abril
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Guárdelos bien. Deshágase de ellos. Devuélvalos.

Visite DEATakeBack.com y encuentre el sitio de recolección más cercano.

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