

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 27, 2019 at 10:00am

We are requesting your assistance in promoting the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. It is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. There are many locations in the State of Florida participating in this event being held Saturday, April 27, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am.

It is important that your customers know the importance of proper disposal of unwanted/unused medications. **DO NOT FLUSH!** Flushing medications leads to water pollution, improperly throwing these medication in the trash can lead to ingestion by children and animals and could still lead to water pollution. The last Take-Back Day brought in more than 900,000 pounds of unused or expired prescription medication. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA since the fall of 2010 to 10,878,950 pounds.

Below are two links that we are requesting you post on your websites and/or in your newsletters, billing statements, and/or Consumer Confidence Reports. The first link will keep your customers informed of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Days that take place twice each year in April and October. If you do not see a location in your area please contact your local law enforcement and ask that they get involved with the events.

<http://takebackday.dea.gov/>

The second link is to FRWA's website that informs your customers of proper disposal of medications and other useful links concerning Pharmaceutical Waste.

<http://www.frwa.net/uploads/4/2/3/5/42359811/toflushornottoflush082415.pdf>

If you happen to miss the event being held Saturday, April 27th, you can check with your local CVS or Walgreens stores, some of them have a prescription drop off box which you can use at any time the store is open.

We can't get this information to the public without your help. Thank you for your efforts to keep our children and our drinking water safe from Drugs. If FRWA can help in anyway please contact one of our staff.

Sincerely,

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