SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2016, IS

National Prescription
Drug Take Back Day

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

For a collection site near you:
www.dea.gov or (800) 882-9539
Most misused prescription drugs come from family or friends.

You can help by properly disposing of your unused medications!

- Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, diversion and misuse.

- Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor’s supervision.

- The majority of teenagers misusing prescription drugs get them from family and friends – and the home medicine cabinet.

- Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and misused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply.

- Proper disposal of unused drugs prevents diversion and misuse, and protects the environment. Take back programs are the best way to dispose of unused and expired medications.

- Hundreds of collection sites in California will be able to accept all medications, including controlled substances, on April 30, 2016. For a collection site near you visit www.dea.gov or call (800) 882-9539.

- Other facilities collect some medications (non-controlled substances) throughout the year. For a collection site near you visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/HomeHazWaste/Medications/Household.htm.

Dispose of your unused or expired medications at a collection site on April 30, 2016.