



BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

DRUG "TAKE-BACK" EVENT

DATE: September 26, 2015

On September 26, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Burbank Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 10th opportunity in three years to prevent medication abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

In the previous nine Take-Back events nationwide from 2010 – 2014, Americans turned in 4,823,251 pounds or 2,411 tons of drugs. 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.

The Burbank Police Department will have a collection container available from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, September 26, 2015, in the parking lot to the rear of the station (200 N. Third St.).



QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS STATEMENT MAY BE DIRECTED TO
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