



CARNATION - DUVAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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SUBJECT: DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG take back day

SATURDAY, April 27th

Duvall PD

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

26225 NE Stephens St

Duvall, WA 98019

No questions, no reports, no names, no fees

“DEA has scheduled another **National Prescription Drug Take Back Day** on **Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**, to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, enough prescription painkillers were prescribed in 2010 to medicate every American adult around-the-clock for one month. Often, some of these medicines languish in the home and are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high—more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants combined, according to the 2010 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Studies show that the majority of teens who abuse prescription drugs obtain them from family and friends for free, including from the home medicine cabinet. Many Americans simply do not know how to properly dispose of their unused or expired medicine, often flushing it down the toilet or throwing it away. These methods can pose both safety and environmental hazards.

Four days after DEA's first Take-Back Day event September 25, 2010, Congress passed legislation amending the Controlled Substances Act to allow the DEA to develop a permanent process for people to safely and conveniently dispose of their prescription drugs. After President Obama signed the Safe and Secure Drug Disposal Act of 2010 on October 12, DEA immediately began developing regulations for a more permanent solution.

Excerpt from http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/takeback_102911.html

Duvall PD will have an officer in the front lobby, **10:00 am to 2:00 pm**, that will provide a receptacle to safely dispose legal, illegal and OTC drugs.

- The program is anonymous. Labels should be removed. If not possible, then a permanent marker will be made available to black out R/X labels.
- Liquid Products will be taken in their original containers.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, syringes or medical waste **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**