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Drug Take Back Initiative

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 2018

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

PRATT WAL-MART STORE

On April 28, 2018 from 10am -2pm, the Drug Enforcement Agency will coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local law enforcement agencies focused on removing potentially dangerous controlled substances from the public's medicine cabinets.

The take-back day will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications to law enforcement officers for destruction and ALSO attempts to bring national focus to the issue OF pharmaceutical drug abuse.

Pharmacies, hospitals and physicians <u>MAY NOT</u> drop off their excess medications for disposal. Medication from nursing **homes** is acceptable since those medications belong to the patients and not the facility.

Both controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter substances that may be collected include the following:

1) solid dosage form tablets, capsules, etc.

2) small bottles of cough syrups may be accepted if they are sealed in their original containers

3) pharmaceuticals that are for human consumption as well as those for household pets will be collected

Items that *will not* be accepted are as follows:

- 1) NEEDLES, intravenous solutions(IV), injectable, and syringes
- 2) No illegal street drugs.... Examples-methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, heroin etc.
 - 3) No inhalers or other compressed air cylinders

No questions will be asked and no identification will be required.

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