

"PRESS RELEASE"

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th 2019

10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

PRATT WAL-MART

On October 26th, 2019 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. As in the past the event will be held at the **PRATT WAL-MART** store located at 2003 E. 1st Street.

The take-back day will provide an opportunity for the public to surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and over the counter medications to law enforcement officers for destruction. The Take Back program is designed to bring national focus to the issue of pharmaceutical drug abuse.

Pharmacies, hospitals and physicians **MAY NOT** drop off excess, expired or medications that are no longer needed 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.... Some Exemples are Méthamphétamines, Marijuana, Cocaïne, Heroin, etc.
- 3) No inhalers or other compressed air cylinders

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

Questions may be referred to:

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