



HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**PRESS RELEASE**

TYPE OF INCIDENT Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Disposal Day		
DATE AND TIME OF Saturday April 27, 2013 10:00am/2:00pm	LOCATION OF INCIDENT City of Hercules Parking Lot, Behind the Trailers	

SUMMARY

**HERCULES POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION, AND OVER THE COUNTER, DRUG COLLECTION**

On Saturday April 27, 2013, from 10:00am to 2:00pm the Hercules Police Department will give Hercules residents an opportunity to turn in all expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter medication. This nationwide program is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in cooperation with local law enforcement agencies.

This is the sixth time the DEA has offered the public an opportunity to turn in their unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter medications, but it is the first time Hercules Police Department has offered this service to the citizens of Hercules. The DEA reported its five previous "Take Back" events took in over 2 million pounds of unwanted medications.

This program addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. In the past many residents have disposed of unused medicines by flushing them down the toilet, or throwing them in the trash. We now know that both of those methods pose a potential health and environmental hazard.

The City of Hercules and the Hercules Police Department urges the residents of Hercules to use this "Take Back" day as an opportunity to dispose of all their expired or unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter medications.

Hercules Reserve Police Officers will staff the drop off location at the Hercules City Hall Parking lot. Participants may drive into the parking area to the rear of the trailers and drop their contributions in to the drop box. This program is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

If you are dropping off prescription drugs it is suggested you remove the pills from the bottles and place the pills in a plastic bag, or remove all personal information from the prescription bottles. Any liquids or powders must be in a "sealed" container. Over the Counter medications may be left in the original containers. **NO ILLEGAL DRUGS MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT THIS EVENT.**

The drop boxes are supplied by the DEA and they will be responsible for the disposal of the drugs that are collected. There is no cost to the City of Hercules for this program.

For additional information, or other drop off locations, you may contact the DEA website at [WWW.dea.gov](http://WWW.dea.gov) . You may also check the City of Hercules website at [www.ci.hercules.ca.us](http://www.ci.hercules.ca.us)

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