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The City, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be hosting a Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, April 26, at the old City service center, 133 N. Main St. The event is 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Residents may drop off unused, expired or unwanted medications, in both pill and liquid form, for safe disposal. This includes over-the-counter as well as prescription drugs.

According to the DEA, last October Americans turned in 324 tons (over 647,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,114 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. When those results are combined with what was collected in its seven previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 3.4 million pounds—more than 1,700 tons—of pills.

At the Oct. 26 2013 event, the Burleson Police Department collected 247 pounds of medication.

The DEA said the rate of prescription drug abuse in the United States is alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—also pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about Burleson's April 26 event, call Sgt. Bob Sherman at 817-426-9951.