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The City, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be hosting a Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, September 27, 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.

Burleson joined the Drug Take Back Event effort in 2012. At the April 2014 event, the police department collected 293 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted medications. At the October 2013 event, 247 pounds were collected. The Drug Take Back events provide a way for patients, caregivers, and pet owners to dispose of controlled substance medications such as painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants like ADHD drugs instead of flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash.

According to a May 2014 news release from the DEA, after seven previous Take Back Days spread over almost four years, 390 tons of pills were brought to the 6,072 collection sites that DEA and its 4,423 state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners set up on April 26, 2014. When added to that collected at previous DEA-coordinated Take-Back events, 2,123 tons of prescription medications have been removed from circulation since 2010.

For more information about Burleson's September 27 event, call Sgt. Bob Sherman at 817-426-9951.