

September 1, 2015

Sally Ellertson  
Public Information Officer  
141 West Renfro  
Burleson, Texas 76028-4261  
817-426-9622  
F: 817-426-9390  
[sellertson@burlesontx.com](mailto:sellertson@burlesontx.com)  
[www.burlesontx.com](http://www.burlesontx.com)

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

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. The Burleson Police Department and the Citizens on Patrol will be working this event.

Proper disposal of medicines protects you by preventing poisoning of children and pets; deterring misuse by teenagers and adults; avoiding health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well; and, keeping medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet.

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 November 2014 news release from the DEA, on its ninth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Sept. 27, 2014, the DEA and 4,076 of its national, tribal, and community law enforcement partners collected 617,150 pounds (309 tons) of unwanted prescription drugs at 5,495 sites. This brought the total amount of drugs collected in four years to 4.8 million plus pounds, or 2,411 tons.

To learn more about proper disposal of medicines – between Drug Take Back events – go to <http://bit.ly/Properdisposal>.

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