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There is a new location for the National Prescription Drug Take-Back event in Burleson.

The initiative, which is a partnership between the Drug Enforcement Administration and law enforcement agencies, has moved to the Burleson Police Department, 1161 S.W. Wilshire Blvd. The event is Saturday, April 30, 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. If you can't make it April 30, there is a drug take-back box in the front lobby of the Burleson Police Department.

Proper disposal of medicines protects you by preventing the 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. Since that time, Burleson's events have collected more than 1 ton of prescription drugs.

If you do not live in Burleson but still want to participate in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back event, the DEA is continually updating the list of sites at <http://bit.ly/DEAcollectionsites>. Among those participating are Burleson, Crowley, Joshua, Mansfield, Fort Worth and Arlington.

For more information about Burleson's April 30 event, call Sgt. Bob Sherman at 817-426-9951.