



News Release

Prescription Drug Drop-off Day in Nampa

(Nampa, April 20, 2011) Expired, unused or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs can be dropped off April 30, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center parking lot. This service is being provided by the Nampa Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Those who drop medicines off may remain anonymous with no questions asked.

Nampa's event is part of a nation-wide effort to properly dispose of prescription drugs. Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds—121 tons—of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

There are several concerns with medicines that are no longer needed being kept in medicine cabinets or being disposed of improperly. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that flushing prescriptions down the toilet or throwing them in the trash pose potential safety and health hazards.

What: Prescription Drug Drop-off Day in Nampa
When: April 30, 2011
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Where: Nampa Civic Center parking lot
311 3rd St. So. Nampa
Cost: FREE

About six months ago Congress passed the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act of 2010, which is meant to simplify the process of disposing of prescription medications, especially those considered controlled substances, through local law enforcement. The DEA is in the process of putting specific regulations in place, but it will likely take about two years to complete. Until those new regulations are

in place, Nampa Police, other local law enforcement agencies, and the DEA will hold prescription drug take-back events every few months.

To find out locations of additions events in the Treasure Valley, please go to www.dea.org.

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