



COUNTY OF ORANGE – HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

(Santa Ana) - In an effort to help prevent pill abuse and theft, the Orange County Health Care Agency, local law enforcement agencies and community partners will collaborate with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to collect expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs on National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day – September 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are over 25 collection sites in Orange County and the service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. To find a collection site in your community, visit the [DEA website](#).

The April 2012 Take-Back event collected over 4,567 pounds of unwanted prescription medications at 24 sites throughout Orange County, and 276 tons at 5,659 sites nationwide. National rates of prescription drug abuse, accidental poisoning and overdoses are alarmingly high in the United States - More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs. The majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Collection sites are located in the following cities:

Aliso Viejo	Garden Grove	Mission Viejo
Anaheim	Huntington Beach	Newport Beach
Costa Mesa	Irvine	Orange
Cypress	La Habra	Placentia
Fountain Valley	Laguna Beach	San Clemente
Fullerton	Laguna Niguel	

To learn more about drug abuse prevention efforts in Orange County, please visit the [Health Care Agency website](#).

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