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Public encouraged to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs Saturday at police headquarters

COSTA MESA, CALIF.—On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Costa Mesa Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This service is free and anonymous—no questions asked.

Bring the medications for disposal to the front desk of the Costa Mesa Police Department at 99 Fair Drive. Department personnel will be present to receive the medications and ensure they are disposed of properly.

Last April, Americans turned in 188 tons of prescription drugs at nearly 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

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 their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For further information, contact Sgt. Phil Myers at (714) 754-5074.