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PRESS RELEASE

**MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2016– 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

On Saturday, April 30, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Milpitas Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 11th opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Milpitas Police Department at 1275 N. Milpitas Bl. in Milpitas. The Milpitas Police Department cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last September, Milpitas residents turned in 236 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs. Americans turned in 350 tons (over 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and its thousands of state and local law enforcement partners. In its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners took in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of prescription drugs.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. 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 more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30th Take Back Day event, go to the DEA Diversion website: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/>

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Got **Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired
medication for safe disposal
Saturday, April 30th,
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Visit www.dea.gov
or call 800-882-9539
for a collection
site near you

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information,
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