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2012 NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE

The Tucson Police Department will be participating in the “**Drug Enforcement Administration’s 2012 National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative.**” On **Saturday, April 28, 2012, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, the Tucson Police Department will host a “**Dispose-A-Med**” event at two locations. The first location is the **Westside Police Service Center located at 1310 West Miracle Mile**, while the second location is the **Rincon Eastside Police Substation located at 9670 East Golf Links Road**. Items that will be accepted include: **prescription and over-the-counter tablets, capsules, liquids, and creams**. Several items, including metal or glass inhalation aerosol bottles, syringes, and epi-pens will not be accepted. Illicit drugs are not a part of this initiative. Additionally, for safety and confidentiality reasons, items that are dropped off for disposal cannot be returned.

Every “Dispose-A-Med” event is intended to be **entirely confidential** in nature. As such, there is no requirement to provide identification in order to dispose of medications. The service operates on a “no questions asked” basis, ensuring anonymity. There is also **no cost to participate** in the event.

Historically, many dispose of expired or unused medications by simply throwing them in the garbage, pouring them down the drain, or flushing them down the toilet. Along with inherent environmental concerns that could result as these medications seep into the ground or waterways, there is also a significant concern that the medications could end up in the wrong hands, creating a very dangerous situation for anyone that ingests medications not prescribed to them. Instead of running such risks, plan to take **advantage of this free and anonymous program** to dispose of your expired or unused medication.

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