



National Take Back Initiative (NTBI 19)

Collection Site Protocols

On October 24, 2020, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies will host one or more collection sites at locations of their choosing. Locations should be selected that provide easy access and available parking.

- This program is anonymous and all efforts should be made to protect the anonymity of individuals disposing of medications. No questions or requests for identification should be made.
- Participants may dispose of medication in its original container or by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into the disposal box. If an original container is submitted, the individual should be encouraged to remove any identifying information from the prescription label.
- No effort should be made by law enforcement personnel to count, inventory, or log medications
- All solid dosage pharmaceutical product and liquids in consumer containers may be accepted. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The depositor should ensure that the cap is tightly sealed to prevent leakage.
- Intra-venous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens.
- Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not a part of this initiative and should not be placed in collection containers. If an individual attempts to surrender an illicit controlled substance, law enforcement personnel should handle such material as abandoned property in accordance with department policy.
- All participants must retain possession of their own medication during the surrender process. Law enforcement personnel should not handle the medications at any time.
- A law enforcement officer must remain with the drug disposal box at all times. Collected pharmaceutical products should be handled as drug evidence with law enforcement custody to safe-guard the surrendered material.

Any further questions may be directed to DEA Resident Agent in Charge Michael W. Wardrop at desk (571) 362-2165, mobile (207) 712-3527 or at email: WWW.Michael.W.Wardrop@USDOJ.GOV.

Thank you for participating in this event.