

Dispose-a-Med Program Update



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Medication Safety

Improper disposal of medications that are no longer indicated or prescribed may lead to accidental ingestion causing drug interactions or adverse drug events. Accidental ingestion by children, the elderly, or pets can also occur.

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An environmentally friendly alternative to safely dispose of your unused medications.

Impact on Our Communities

Improper storage and disposal of unused medications is increasingly becoming a problem in communities throughout the country. While improper disposal of unused medication poses an unknown threat to the environment and our water supplies, the health effects from substance abuse are extremely alarming. The non-medical use of prescription pain relievers is now the second-most prevalent form of illicit drug use in the Nation with a 400% increase in emergency room admissions and substance abuse treatment centers.

A Drug Abuse Problem

Our national prescription drug abuse problem cannot be ignored. Every day, 2,500 teenagers use a prescription drug to get high, many for the first time. Each year more than 71,000 children ages 18 and younger are seen in emergency rooms for unintentional overdoses of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. While a large percentage of kids obtain them within their own home resulting from improper storage and ease of access from their parent's medicine cabinet, most teenagers report obtain prescription drugs from friends.

Unintended Consequences

Get Involved

Whether you're a parent or not, please learn more about how you can do your part to curb teen drug abuse and making your home safer while protecting our environment.

[Contact us and find out how you can get involved.](#)

Featured Community Partners



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What's happening in the community?

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National Take Back Initiative Collection Site Search

Check the calendar below for upcoming take back events in Pima County or search the [National Take Back Initiative Collection Site](#).

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Today ◀ ▶ May 2012 Print

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|----------------------|
| 29 | 30 | May 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 8am Pima Cou |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 10am Oro Valle |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Jun 1 | 2 |

Showing events after 5/14. [Look for earlier events](#)

Saturday, May 19

10:00am Oro Valley Dispose-A-Med

When Sat, May 19, 10am – 2pm

Where Target (Oracle & First) ([map](#))

Description Dispose-A-Med medicine collection sponsored by OVPD, OV Optimists and the UofA College of Pharmacy. Prescription and over-the-counter tablets, capsules, liquids, inhalation aerosol bottles, syringes, and epi-pens and creams will be collected. For safety and confidentiality reasons, any items turned over for collection cannot be returned.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar](#)

Saturday, September 1, 2012

8:00am Pima County Sheriff's Department Dispc

Showing events until 10/15. [Look for more](#)

Events shown in time zone: Mountain Time - Arizona

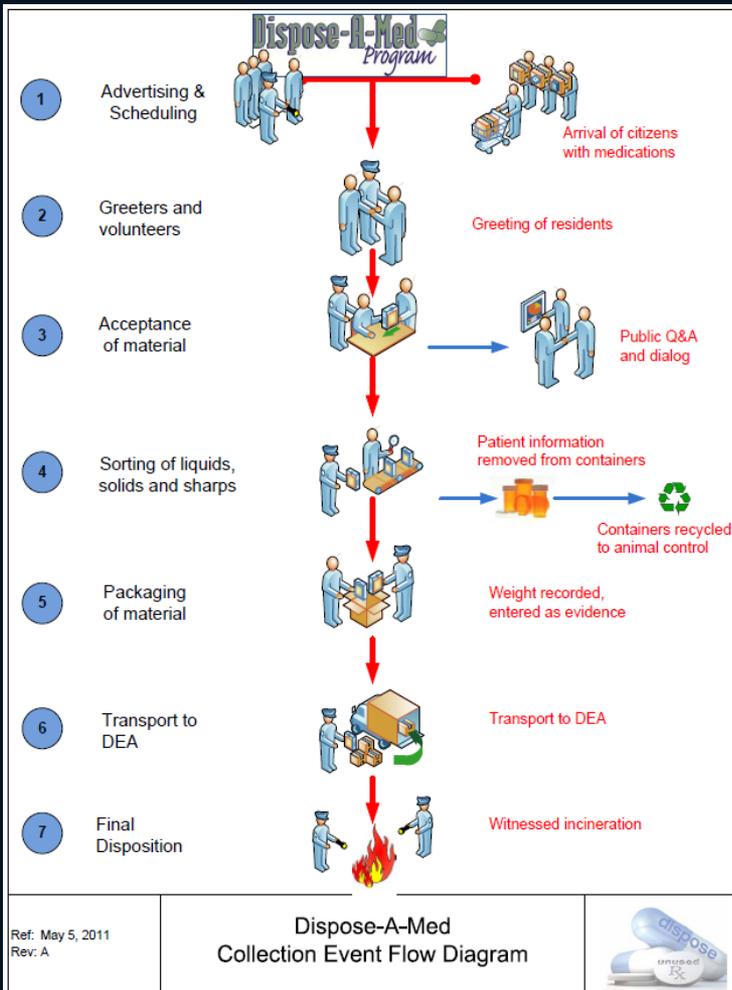
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Collection Event Reference Guide

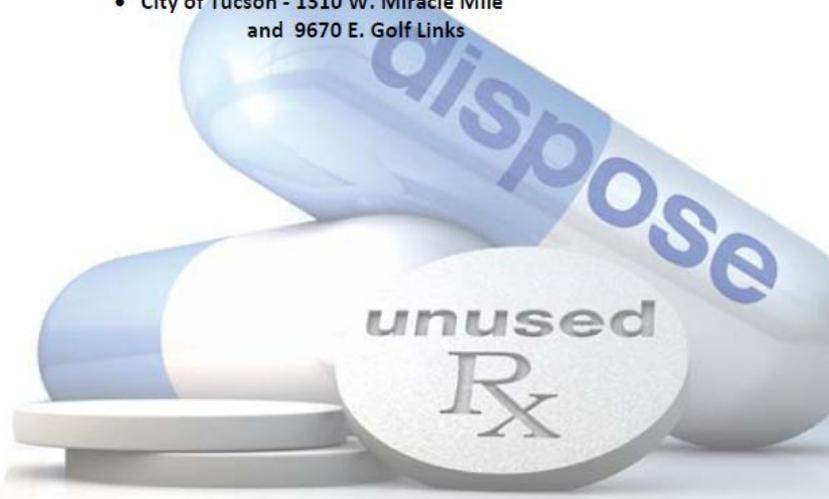


April 28, 2012 National Take Back Day

Dispose-A-Med Program

April 28th is **National Take Back Day**. Please help us to reduce the inventory of unwanted medications in your home. On April 28th, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. you can drop off unwanted medications at the following locations:

- Davis Monthan AFB - BX Pharmacy DPS - 6401 S. Tucson Blvd
- South Side - 9050 E. Valencia Rd
- UofA Police - 1852 E. First St South Tucson - 1601 S. 6th Ave
- Sahuarita - Walmart 18680 S. Nogales Hwy
- Oro Valley - Target 10555 N. Oracle
- Marana - Target 3901 W. Ina Rd
- Tohono O'Odham - Sells State Route 86
- City of Tucson - 1310 W. Miracle Mile and 9670 E. Golf Links



| Member | Lbs. Collected |
|--------------|----------------|
| PC Sheriff | 391 |
| Sahuarita | 224.4 |
| UofA | 128.7 |
| Marana | 95.7 |
| S. Tucson | 57.2 |
| Sierra Vista | 366.3 |
| Tucson | 135.3 |
| Benson | 16.5 |
| DMAFB | 18.7 |
| Oro Valley | 135.3 |
| Safford | 270.6 |
| Thatcher | 94.6 |
| Nogales | 13.2 |

State Wide:
8,327.3 lbs

Local:
2,304 lbs