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NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKING BACK UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OCTOBER 28 AT NEW SMYRNA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

October 5, 2017 (New Smyrna Beach, FL) – On Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. New Smyrna Beach Police Department (NSBPD) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 14th opportunity in seven years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to NSBPD at 246 Industrial Ave, New Smyrna Beach. (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.) The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

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.

Last April, Americans turned in 450 tons (over 900,386 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,498 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,223 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 22 Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#) or [NSBPD Facebook](#).

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