

MEDICINE TAKE-BACK EVENT

**APRIL 30, 2011
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Only about one-third of medicines get used, so chances are you have old, unused meds in your home. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring a National Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Day on April 30, 2011.



This one day event takes place at sites throughout the state and is staffed by participating local law enforcement officials. It's a great opportunity for residents to clean out their medicine cabinets and properly dispose of unwanted medicines, including controlled substances, at no cost. Take-back locations in Bellevue are:

BELLEVUE LOCATIONS:

Bellevue Police Department (lobby) City Hall 450 110 th Ave NE Bellevue	Bellevue Police Department Factoria Mall Police Substation 3915 Factoria Blvd. SE Bellevue	Bellevue Police Department Crossroads Police Substation 3915 156 th Avenue NE Bellevue
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Other locations can be found at http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html or by calling 1-888-869-4233.

Did you know...

- Every 45 minutes a child under 4 years of age will overdose from drugs found at home.
- About 12 percent of Washington youth ages 12-17 abuse meds, often finding them at home.
- Human meds are the No. 1 cause of pet poisoning.

What should you do with unused meds if you miss this event? Because they are considered household hazardous waste, do not put them into the garbage. Flushing down the toilet is also discouraged—most of these chemicals are not removed by wastewater treatment, and they can end up in Puget Sound. In Bellevue, Group Health pharmacies and some Bartell Drugstores will take back unused meds (no controlled substances, such as Vicodin, OxyContin, or Xanax). For information on where to take controlled substances and other updated facts, visit www.takebackyourmeds.org