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## **DC Department of Health, Metropolitan Police Department & DC Water Encourage Residents to Drop-off Unwanted and Expired Medications at Local Take-Back Sites**

*The Drug Enforcement Administration Will Offer Local Collection Sites on September 27*

**(Washington, D.C.)** – District of Columbia residents will have the option to safely dispose of household medications at drug take-back sites throughout the city. The upcoming “Take-Back” initiative, being held on Saturday, September 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m, is an effort to safely collect unused and expired medications and prevent improper drug disposal and distribution.

The DC Department of Health, Metropolitan Police Department and the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority are encouraging District residents to participate in this nation-wide effort. This program helps keep communities safe and prevents medicines from entering our streams and rivers, which protects our waterways and our drinking water sources. Last April more than 4,400 nationwide partners participated in this program that lead to the removal of more than 390 tons (over 780,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at nearly 6,100 sites. When those results are combined with what was collected in its eight previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have removed more than 4.1 million pounds of prescription drugs that could have otherwise been misused or ended up in waterways

**“This event provides District residents, the opportunity to safely remove prescription drugs from their home that have expired,”** said Dr. Joxel Garcia, Director DOH. **“These drugs have controlled substances that can fall into the hands of teenagers and or young children.**

The drug “Take-Back” initiative will help educate the public of proper medication disposal methods, as well as offer local take-back collection centers for people wanting to get rid of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted medicines. Collection centers will be facilitated by the Washington area DEA, who will work with state and local police departments throughout the region to help collect and destroy medications.

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The DEA will offer several collection sites this Saturday, September, 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous. Below is a list of collection sites in the District of Columbia.

<b>Collection Site</b>	<b>Address</b>
FIRST POLICE DISTRICT	101 M STREET, SW
FIRST DISTRICT SUBSTATION	500 E STREET, SE
SECOND POLICE DISTRICT	3320 IDAHO AVENUE, NW
THIRD POLICE DISTRICT	1620 V STREET, NW
FOURTH POLICE DISTRICT	6001 GEORGIA AVENUE, NW
FIFTH POLICE DISTRICT	1805 BLADENSBURG ROAD, NE
SIXTH POLICE DISTRICT	100 42ND STREET, NE
SEVENTH DISTRICT STATION	2455 Alabama Avenue., SE
FREDERICK DOUGLAS HOME	1411 WEST STREET SE
WISCONSIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH	3920 ALTON PLACE, NW

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