



# Tigard Police Department Media Release

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## Tigard Police Participating in National Drug Take-Back Event

On Saturday, October 28, the Tigard Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will once again provide an opportunity to Tigard residents to prevent drug abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to Tigard City Hall located at 13125 SW Hall Blvd. between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous.

In the twelve previous National Take Back events, DEA and their partners took in over 2.8 million pounds—more than 1,400 tons—of pharmaceuticals. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines such as flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

What to bring?

- Expired or unwanted prescription medications
- Medication from deceased family members
- Drugs that didn't work for you, a family member or pet
- Unneeded over-the-counter medicines

The unwanted drugs either can remain in the original container or be combined in another container or bag. We *cannot accept* thermometers, syringes or needles, medical waste, IV solutions, lotions or creams. In addition, medications from nursing homes, doctors' offices or any type of medical facility or business cannot be accepted. Questions? Please call 503-718-2561. Visit [www.tigard-or.gov/police/drug\\_drop\\_box.php](http://www.tigard-or.gov/police/drug_drop_box.php) to learn more about year-round drug disposal options.