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## **RIVERSIDE POLICE & KAISER PERMANENTE PARTNER FOR NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside Police Department, along with other law enforcement agencies around the nation, will be participating in the Drug Enforcement Administration's "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The event will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, located at 10800 Magnolia Avenue in Riverside, in the northwest parking lot.

This initiative seeks to prevent pill abuse and theft through the collection of potentially dangerous and expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The Riverside Police Department is once again partnering with Kaiser Permanente and will be collecting these types of drugs for proper disposal. The event is free, anonymous, with no questions asked.

This program addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many people are not aware that medications that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. In addition, many people do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medications, often flushing them down the toilet or



throwing them away, both offering potential safety and health hazards. The Riverside Police Department and Kaiser Permanente will collect the unwanted pharmaceuticals and turn them over to the DEA to be safely destroyed.

For more information regarding the National Take Back Initiative, visit [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback).

<h2>Got Drugs?</h2> <h3>National Take Back Drug Day</h3> <p>In collaboration with Riverside Police Department and Kaiser Permanente, Riverside</p> <p><b>Saturday, April 28, 2018</b> 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Turn in your expired or unused medications for safe disposal, (no needles or syringes).</p> <p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medication that is improperly taken or abused is a leading cause of accidental poisoning.</li><li>• Unused or expired medications that are thrown out with trash or flushed can end up polluting the environment.</li></ul> <p><b>Drop Off and Collection Site:</b> Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center Parking Lot B4 10800 Magnolia Avenue (corner of Magnolia Ave and Park Sierra Ave) Riverside, CA 92505</p>	<h2>¿Tiene Drogas?</h2> <h3>Día Nacional de Recolección de Medicamentos</h3> <p>En colaboración con el Departamento de Policía de Riverside y Kaiser Permanente, Riverside</p> <p><b>Sábado 28 de Abril de 2018 De</b> 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lleve sus medicamentos vencidos o sin usar para que se desechen de manera segura, (sin agujas o jeringas).</p> <p><b>Sabías?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• La medicación que se toma incorrectamente o abusado es una causa principal de intoxicación accidental.</li><li>• Medicamentos no utilizados o vencidos que se tiran con la basura o por el inodoro puede llegar a contaminar el medio ambiente.</li></ul> <p><b>Lugar de recolección:</b> Kaiser Permanente Estacionamiento de Riverside Medical Center, Lot B4 10800 Magnolia Avenue (esquina de Magnolia Ave y Park Sierra Ave) Riverside, CA 92505</p>
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