



City of Wimberley

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The Wimberley City Marshal and Wimberley ISD Substance Abuse Prevention Committee are partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to sponsor the first-ever *Wimberley Prescription Drug Take Back Day* on Saturday, April 30th.

The event will run from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Wimberley City Hall located at 221 Stillwater in Wimberley. During this time, volunteers will be at the curb to collect unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs from residents. Liquids, medical waste, syringes, intravenous solutions or injectables will not be collected.

“This prescription drug take back event aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal for prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications, said Wimberley City Marshal Kyle DeHart. “We encourage residents to empty their medicine cabinets, bedside tables, and kitchen drawers of unwanted, unused, and expired prescription drugs and bring them to the collection site for proper disposal.”

Unused and expired medications brought to the take back event will be turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for safe disposal.

Prescription drug abuse is one of the nation’s fastest growing drug problems. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, 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, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the proper disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 30th *Wimberley Prescription Take Back Day*, contact the Wimberley City Marshal at 512.847.0025.