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Hillsborough Township Police Department Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs on April 29th

*The Day to Dispose of your Unused, Unwanted, and Expired Prescriptions on April 29th
between 10 am and 2 pm at the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building near the Courtroom*

Committeeman Frank DelCore, liaison to Public Safety announced that Chief Darren Powell and the Hillsborough Police Department will be hosting an “Operation Take Back” on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in collaboration with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This will be the public’s 13th opportunity in 7 years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Peter J. Biondi Municipal Building at 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills and patches.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (over 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 7.1 million pounds—more than 3,500 tons—of pills.

“We encourage all residents to participate in this free, anonymous program, which provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing prescription medication,” commented Committeeman Frank DelCore.

“Hillsborough Township was the first municipality in the State of New Jersey to install a permanent disposal receptacle for unused and unwanted prescriptions in the lobby of Police Headquarters. It is accessible to residents 24 hours a day / 7 days a week,” added DelCore.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. 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 disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29th Take Back Day event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#), the Hillsborough Township website at www.hillsborough-nj.org, or see the information in the Friday Mayor's e-newsletter.

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