

GOT DRUGS? Dispose of them safely, anonymously, no questions asked

Saturday, September 25, National Take Back Day

10AM to 2PM

Pelham Police Department                      34 Fifth Avenue

Pelham Manor Police Department            4 Penfield Place

Pelham PACT Coalition together with the Pelham and Pelham Manor Police Departments are joining the first ever national effort organized by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to take back “unused, unwanted or expired” over the counter (OTC) and prescription drugs.

Left over prescription and OTC drugs present a public health hazard given the potential for accidental poisoning, abuse and overdose. When unused, unwanted, unneeded medicines are thrown away or flushed down the toilet, this harms our water supply and presents a potential safety, health and environmental hazard.

Many Americans are not aware that medicines that sit 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. Many Americans want to dispose their unused medicines safely but don't know how to do so properly.

“This Drug Take Back campaign will provide a safe, legal and environmentally sound way for community members to dispose of their unwanted prescription drugs. Being able to collaborate with our local police departments is key in making this initiative work” says Alice DeNormandie, Director of Pelham PACT Coalition.

Community members simply go to their police department and deposit unused prescriptions into a safe, secure bin. To protect your privacy, you can empty your containers into the bin and take the container home (except for liquids) or black out with a marker your personal information on the container. No one is looking at or gathering personal information. At the end of the day, the bins are sealed and removed by the DEA for proper disposal.

“We are pleased to be able to work with PACT and the DEA on this first ever initiative. Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest growing drug problem, and free, no questions asked take back events like this one are an indispensable tool for reducing that threat,” say Chief Al Mosiello of Pelham Manor and Chief Joe Benefico of Pelham.

For more information on this initiative, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov).