

## SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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## INFORMATION RELEASE Prescription Drug Take-Back Event

The Solano County Sheriff's Office, in association with Solano County Resource Management and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), will conduct a prescription drug-take back event on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Solano County Sheriff Coroner's Office located at 520 Clay Street, Fairfield. The program is anonymous and we will not ask anyone for their name or address.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS for take-back are medication waste defined as items intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in humans or animals. Medication waste is synonymous with drug waste, pharmaceutical waste, unused or expired medication, unused or expired drugs, prescription and over-the-counter human drugs, veterinary drugs, diagnostic agents and nutritional supplements.

We request the drugs to be emptied into a clear ziplock bag with no personal markings. Please dispose of the pill bottles, after scraping off any personal identifying information. Sharps will not be collected this year.

During past events, the Solano County Sheriff's Office has collected more than one thousand pounds of unused pharmaceuticals in total. Those pharmaceuticals are kept away from the local waterways and potential drug abusers. The drugs are then destroyed properly by the DEA in Sacramento. We believe our participation in this program benefits the citizens of Solano County, making this county a better place to live and thrive.

If you have any questions regarding this press release, I can be contacted at the phone numbers listed below.



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