

Help Fight Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse at the Palm Springs Drug Take-back Day

Palm Springs residents are invited to help fight a major public health issue, prescription drug abuse and misuse, by safely disposing of unused, expired and unwanted medications at the Palm Springs Drug Take-back Day on Saturday, February 18.

Sponsored by C.A.R.E.S. (Collaborating & Acting Responsibly to Ensure Safety) AllianceSM participants, including the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADDI), Project Lazarus and Covidien, and conducted in cooperation with the American Academy of Pain Medicine, this event provides an opportunity to safely dispose of your unneeded medications at six pharmacies throughout the community.

Saturday, February 18
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Participating locations:

Community,
a Walgreens Pharmacy
555 S Sunrise Way
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Walgreens
1700 E Vista Chino
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Rite Aid
366 S Palm Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Walgreens
2465 E Palm Canyon Dr.
Palm Springs, CA 92264

Rite Aid
111 S Sunrise Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Walmart
5601 E Ramon Rd.
Palm Springs, CA 92264

No sharps, liquids or gels will be accepted.
For more information about the Drug Take-back Day, visit www.caresalliance.org.





The C.A.R.E.S. Alliance provides five simple tips to help ensure safe use and prevent abuse and misuse of prescription pain medications:

Use only as directed. If a pain medication does not provide sufficient relief, the patient and prescriber should consider other options together. Simply increasing the dose, particularly without a doctor's consent, can be dangerous and even life threatening.

Never share. National research shows that approximately 70 percent of abuse cases begin with a legitimate prescription that is shared by a friend or relative, or stolen by someone with access to the medication.

Lock it up. Cases of abuse by family members or others who steal prescriptions are all too common. Most people have a place in their home where they keep things they don't want in others' hands, and that would be the appropriate place to store their pain medications.

Dispose of the extra. Become aware of your local community drug take-back opportunities or talk with your pharmacist about responsible ways to dispose of your prescription drugs. This is the best way to minimize the potential for theft or misuse of unused medications.

Spread the word. If we work together, we can make a difference.