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Rx DRUG TAKE BACK, CONTINUES SUCCESS
Second Event This Year

Mesa County, Colorado— On Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mesa County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Grand Junction Police Department, Palisade Police Department, and the Fruita Police Department will be participating in the fourth annual National Prescription Drug Take Back event.

This national event seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. On this day, local law enforcement and the DEA will be collecting potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. As a reminder, Mesa County Solid Waste Management will take: needles/sharps, over-the-counter meds, pressurized/aerosol and mercury containing items, free of charge to Mesa County residence, Thursdays through Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, they are NOT able to accept controlled substances (narcotics), chemotherapy or radio-active substances or oxygen tanks. Mesa County House Hold Hazardous Waste Facility can be reached directly at, for more information (970) 257-9336, or visit their website at: http://www.mesacounty.us/swm/template.aspx?id=12478.

The locations for the upcoming Prescription Take Back event, are: The Fruita Police Department, Palisade City Hall, the Grand Junction Police Department, and the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. See the attached flyers below for more information.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. The DEA states many Americans are not aware that medicines in their home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are increasing at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. People often choose to flush them down the toilet or throwing them away in the trash, both are potential safety and health hazards.

MEDIA ONLY: The Sheriff encourages everyone to take advantage of this program and Lisa McCammon, PIO, will be available for sounds bites and media interviews at the Sheriff's Office, 215 Rice Street on Saturday, September 29th, from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. B-roll video can be taken at anytime during the event at any of the locations.

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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, September 29, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clean Out Your Medicine cabinet

Drop off your unused over-the-counter and unused prescription medications at the following locations:

- Palisade Town Hall (175 E. Third St., Palisade)
- MC Sheriff's Office (215 Rice St.)
- GJ Police Dept. (555 Ute Ave., GJ)
- Fruita Police Dept. (101 W. McCune Ave., Fruita)

ITEMS WHICH CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT TAKE BACK PROGRAM:

- Needles & Sharps
- Mercury (thermometers)
- Oxygen containers
- Chemotherapy/ Radioactive substances
- Pressurized canisters
- Illicit drugs

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WASTE MANAGEMENT Think Green.

Dia Nacional De Recuperar Medicamentos Con Receta

Sábado, 29 de septiembre 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Limpie su gabinete de medicina

Deje sus medicamentos que no fueron utilizados en los siguientes lugares:

- Palisade Town Hall (175 E. Third St., Palisade)
- Mesa County Sheriff's Office (215 Rice St., GJ)
- Grand Junction Police Dept. (555 Ute Ave., GJ)
- Fruita Police Dept. (101 McCune Ave., Fruita)

Estos Articulos no se aceptan:

- Agujas y objetos cortopunzantes
- Termómetros de mercurio
- tanques con presión
- Articulos radioactivos o de quimioterapia
- Recipientes a presión
- Las drogas ilegales

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