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## **CLEARWATER POLICE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL PILL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE**

- WHO:** Clearwater Police Department  
Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- WHAT:** National Take Back Initiative
- WHEN:** Saturday, September 25, 2010  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Westfield Countryside Mall (Sears parking lot)  
27001 US Hwy 19 North  
Clearwater, Fla.
- SUMMARY:** The Clearwater Police Department is participating in a national prescription drop off campaign – National Pill Take Back Initiative – in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration and other participating state and local law enforcement agencies. This will allow citizens to safely discard expired, unwanted or unused prescription medications. It is part of the ongoing effort to address the problem of prescription drug abuse and keeping a clean environment.

Citizens can stop by Westfield Countryside between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm to drop off their medications for safe collection and disposal with no questions asked. Please be aware that no bio-hazards or needles will be accepted. The program is intended for private citizens and not for commercial use.

In addition to getting drugs off the streets, this initiative also helps improve our water quality. Proper disposal of medicines can help alleviate the issue of trace amounts of pharmaceuticals that have been detected in





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some drinking water systems around the country. Disposing of unused medicines down the toilet or sink drain can contaminate our aquatic environment, because wastewater treatment systems are unable to remove many medications from the water they process. Traces of drugs may end up in surface water, ground water, domestic wastewater, industrial wastewater, agricultural runoff, reclaimed water and other waters.



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