

GotDrugs?

Take-back prescription drug day planned by DEA and Brookline Police Department

Once again it's time to clean out your medicine cabinet.

The Brookline Police Department is holding a drug take-back day October 29, 2011 and it is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration and supported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Brookline Health Department says that old medicines that languish in cabinets often end up abused or misused even if the owner of the drugs isn't aware of it. The Brookline Coalition Against Substance Abuse is thrilled that the Police Department will be holding this event!

The rate of prescription drug abuse is growing by the day and the DEA says that most abused drugs are taken from family or friends - including from someone's home medicine cabinet.

The drive will also give people a safe way to get rid of old drugs. Many people throw them away or flush them down the toilet, which can be a hazard to the environment by ending up in septic systems and sewers where lots of the pharmaceutical compounds survive treatment.

The program is free and anonymous.

Please turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Brookline Police Station.

