

PRESCRIPTION DRUG

TAKE-BACK
DAYS!



ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Cherry Hills Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will provide the public another opportunity to dispose of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your medications for disposal to the Cherry Hills Police Department at 2460 E. Quincy Ave. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

In 2018, Cherry Hills Village residents turned in almost 200 pounds of prescription drugs during the Prescription Drug Take Back days facilitated by the Cherry Hills Village Police Department. It is important to remember that the following items are not accepted during these take back events. The items are as follows:

- Needles & Sharps
- Mercury (thermometers)

- Oxygen Containers
- Chemotherapy/Radioactive Substances
- Pressurized Canisters
- Illicit Drugs

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.