Orange County Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition
National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

“Our take-back events highlight the problems related to prescription drug abuse and give our citizens an opportunity to contribute to the solution.”

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The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The City of Buena Park will be offering two separate collection sites:

- Buena Park Police Department
  6640 Beach Boulevard
  Buena Park, California 90621

- Buena Park Senior Center
  8150 Knott Avenue
  Buena Park, California 90620

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. This is a great opportunity for residents who have accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

To increase the awareness and participation, documents are available online that will help inform residents about the disposal opportunity and provide resources along with information that is useful in Orange County all year long. They include:

- **National Take-Back Initiative**: This link includes drop site locations and information regarding the National Take-Back Day (provided by the DEA).

- **OC Rx Coalition Monitor, Secure, Destroy flyer**: This flyer contains practical tips for safe medication handling through the practice of monitoring, securing and destroying household expired, unused, or unwanted medications. It even provides SIMPLE step by step instructions to destroying in the home when a take back event is not available.

- **OC Waste and Recycling Sharps drop sites**: This list contains tips for the disposal of “sharps” (devices with sharp points or edges that can puncture or cut skin, such as needles, lancets, auto injectors, etc.) in Orange County.


The goal is to increase awareness of the prescription drug issue and the desire to keep Orange County safe and healthy.