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Take back meds collection program set for third event

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas — The City of Weatherford Water Utilities Department, Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration will host its third Take Back Meds collection event Saturday, Sept. 26.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. in the front parking lot of the Weatherford ISD Ninth Grade Center, located at 1007 S. Main Street.

Medicines that are left unused at home can be accidentally ingested or become susceptible to misuse and abuse. The Take Back Meds program provides the Weatherford community with an opportunity to safely dispose of unused and expired medicines by offering a safe alternative to flushing medications down the toilet or being thrown in the trash. Recent studies and research have found trace levels of drug residues in waterways, such as lakes, rivers, reservoirs and streams. These compounds detected, though in small concentrations, can impact human health.

“We’re happy to continue providing this service to our citizens and to date we’ve collected approximately 600 pounds of unused, expired medications,” said Environmental Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator Lydia Ruiz. This program manages to be successful for us and we hope the number grows. Most everyone who participates is appreciative, as they have a way to safely get rid of their unused medicines.”

Items that will be accepted include prescriptions and/or over-the-counter medications (e.g., liquids, creams, pills), veterinary medications (e.g., liquids, creams, pills), vitamins, minerals and medicine samples. Items not accepted include oxygen tanks, inhalers and nebulizers, needles, sharp items, thermometers and IV bags. Participants are asked to keep medicines in original containers with personal information marked



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out. Participants are also asked to remain in their vehicle at all times during the drop-off process.

The Take Back Meds program is free to the public. For more information, contact the Water Utility Department at (817) 598-4275 or visit www.weatherfordtx.gov/expiredmeds.

Editor's note: A copy of the marketing flier is attached.

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More information on the City of Weatherford: www.weatherfordtx.gov

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