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Take Back Meds collection program set for fourth event

WEATHERFORD (CITY OF WEATHERFORD), Texas — The City of Weatherford Water Utilities Department, Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host its fourth Take Back Meds collection event Saturday, April 30.

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.

“Going into our fourth collection event, the community is reminded of how to safely and properly dispose unused and expired medicines,” said Environmental Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator Lydia Ruiz. “Most people do not know how to properly dispose unused or expired medicines. Often people will flush medicines down the toilet or throw them in the trash, which ends up being a potential risk to safety and health.”

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 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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