



Wheat Ridge Police Department to help collect unwanted prescription drugs April 30 at Lutheran Medical Center

For immediate release:

April 20, 2016

Contact:

Maureen Harper, Public Information Officer

Cell: 720-643-6686

Email: mharper@ci.wheatridge.co.us

Wheat Ridge, CO – On April 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Wheat Ridge Police Department, in partnership with Lutheran Medical Center and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will collect unused and expired prescription drugs to be disposed of safely. The event will take place at Lutheran, 8300 W. 38th Avenue.

Bring your unwanted prescription pills or patches to the main entrance (Entrance #2) at Lutheran. The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. This free, anonymous service helps prevent abuse, accidental poisoning and overdose.

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.

Last September, Americans turned in 350 tons (more than 702,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,000 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 10 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 5.5 million pounds—more than 2,750 tons—of pills.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).

###