Clean Out your Medicine Cabinet

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Prescription Drug Take Back in St. Petersburg

Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10AM-2PM, the public can drop up any old or unwanted prescription drugs at the St. Petersburg Police Dept. Headquarters, 1300 1st Ave. N., St. Petersburg.

St. Pete PD is one of several agencies here in the Bay Area and around the country participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. It provides a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs.

The non-medical use of pills is at an all-time high, with 6.8 million Americans reporting having abused prescription drugs in 2012, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration’s National Survey on Drug Use and Health. That same study revealed more than 54% of people who abuse prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives, including raiding the family medicine cabinet.

The last Take Back Day in April collected 780,158 lbs of pills at 6,072 collection sites.

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