

Medicine take-back set in Fairfield

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FAIRFIELD — Bring unused or expired prescription medication to a take-back event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Sullivan Inter-Agency Youth Services Center, the Fairfield Police Department says.

The event will take place at 2195 Union Ave. in Fairfield, formerly the site of Sullivan Middle School.

Parents are often unaware their teens may be abusing prescription medications, police said. Prescription drugs, along with marijuana, are the most common drugs abused by children and teens.

You can help limit children's access to prescription drugs by safeguarding the medications in your home, police said in a press release to announce the take-back event. Keeping track of medication quantities, locking up medications, and properly disposing of medications that are expired or no longer needed are the first steps to preventing prescription drug abuse, according to police.

Medication that is disposed of in the trash can still be dangerous. The drugs can be found and used by others as well as have a negative affect on the environment through the landfill. Medicines that are flushed or poured down the drain can end up polluting our waters, affecting aquatic species and contaminating food and water supplies.

Most medicines are not removed by wastewater treatment plants or septic systems, police said in the release. The only recommended safe way to dispose of your medication is through a prescription medication take-back event.

During this medication take-back event, you can bring in:

- All unused medications.
- Expired medication.
- Medications that have been recalled.
- Any labeled or unlabeled medications.
- Any liquid, solid or cream medications.
- Any prescription or over-the-counter medications.

It is not necessary to remove medication from their containers. Syringe needles or EpiPen injectors will be not be accepted at event.

A grant and funds from the Solano County Board of Supervisors make the prescription medication take-back possible.

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