

## **MDEQ PROMOTES DRUG TAKE BACK EVENTS**

(JACKON, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is encouraging Mississippians to participate in the upcoming drug take back events sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) this Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People may bring unwanted solid prescription and over-the-counter medicines so they may be disposed of safely. Liquid medications, such as cough syrup will not be accepted.

Law enforcement agencies in Mississippi that are participating in the event and the addresses of the drop-off

locations are as follows:

### **Sponsor Drop Off Location Address City**

Brandon Police

Department

Brandon Police

Department

1455 West

Government Street

Brandon, Ms 39042

Gulfport Police

Department

Gulfport Police Dept

Operations Bldg.

2810 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gulfport, Ms 39501

12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court

Narcotics

Enforcement Team

Forrest County

Multi-purpose Bldg.

962 Sullivan Drive Hattiesburg, Ms

39401

Olive Branch Police

Department

First Baptist Church 9235 Pigeon Roost

Road

Olive Branch, Ms

38654

Pascagoula Police

Department

Jackson County

Civic Center

2902 Shortcut Road Pascagoula, Ms

39567

Pass Christian

Police Department

Pass Christian

Public Library

111 Hiern Avenue Pass Christian, Ms

39571

Pearl Police

Department

Pearl Police

Department Lobby

2422 Old Brandon

Road  
Pearl, Ms 39208  
Terry Police  
Department  
Terry Community  
Center (on side of  
104 Madison Street Terry, Ms 39170  
Post Office)  
Warren County  
Sheriff's Office  
Warren County  
Sheriff's Office  
1000 Grove Street Vicksburg, Ms 39183  
Warren County  
Sheriff's Office  
Vicksburg Factory  
Outlet Mall  
4000 S. Frontage  
Road  
Vicksburg, Ms 39183

The event does not restrict drop off to only residents of the sponsoring community; therefore, residents may drop off unused medications at any nearby event site.

Unused drugs that are stored around the home may present a danger to people as well as to the environment when disposed of. Removing unused medications from the home can help prevent intentional misuse and unintentional poisonings of children and pets. However, dumping the medication down the drain or flushing it down the toilet can become a source of water contamination. Research is continuing into whether such water contamination adversely impacts human health or aquatic life.

Additional information on the take back events nationwide is available on the DEA's website: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/takeback>, and information on pharmaceuticals as pollutants can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ppcp/>

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