



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Township hosts National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 28, 2018**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (April 6, 2018) – On Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), assisted by Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, will again give the public a chance to drop off unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to The Woodlands Township front parking lot, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd, 77381. The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service coordinated by The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

This year, the Memorial Hermann IRONMAN Texas will be held on the same day as this national event, so please check their website at:

<http://www.ironman.com/triathlon/events/americas/ironman/texas/> for information on how to best navigate around the race course. In most cases, you may prefer to reach the Township from Research Forest Drive, south on New Trails Dr. and east on Technology Forest Blvd. For traffic difficulties, contact the number that is usually posted on the IRONMAN traffic signs.

For those that are unable to travel to The Woodlands Township that day, there are alternate disposal options available. Call The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch at 281-210-3800 for more information.

Per a DEA press release, last October Americans turned in “a record-setting 912,305 pounds—456 tons—of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for disposal at more than 5,300 collection sites.” In October 2017 in The Woodlands, 12 large contractor bags of medications were collected and safely disposed of.

According to the DEA, “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events continue to remove ever-higher amounts of opioids and other medicines from the nation’s homes, where they could be stolen and abused by family members and visitors, including children and teens.”

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