



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

# Press Release

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## Spring prescription drug collection date set for April 27

To prevent or reduce accidental contamination of streams, rivers and lakes, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) is joining the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's national "Take-Back" initiative from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, to collect unwanted medicine at three MWRD facilities:

- Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, 6001 W. Pershing Road, Cicero.
- O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant (formerly North Side), 3500 Howard Street, Skokie.
- Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, 400 East 130th Street, Chicago.

This is the fifth nationally organized prescription drug take back day, and the MWRD has participated in each of them.

"Our wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical products if they are poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet," said MWRD Executive Director David St. Pierre. "The chemicals can work their way into lakes or streams. This special collection opportunity gives the community an environmentally-friendly opportunity to properly dispose of expired or unwanted medications."

Additional information about the bi-annual pharmaceutical disposal collection can be found at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/).

**Our Water Environment  
Take it personally**

**Got Drugs?**  
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, April 27  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The MWRD will participate in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at three locations from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.:

O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant 3500 Howard Street Skokie, Illinois	Stickney Water Reclamation Plant 6001 West Pershing Road Cicero, Illinois	Calumet Water Reclamation Plant 400 East 130th Street Chicago, Illinois
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Collections will take place at the Main Gate House at each of the three Water Reclamation Plants.

For more information, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)