



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NARCOTICS BUREAU
SAFE DRUG DROP OFF PROGRAM**



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department "Safe Drug Drop-Off" Program

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Program components:

- Program launched on September 29, 2009
- There are currently (21) drug disposal drop boxes for public use 7 days a week/24 hours a day/365 days a year
- The drop boxes are placed outside of each Sheriff's station in an effort to promote privacy (given that illicit substances are simultaneously collected in "no fault" fashion)
- Boxes are emptied weekly, with contents taken to Sheriff's Department storage facility
- Sheriff's Department personnel accompany approximately (3) box type trucks up to 5 days/year to dispose of these drugs utilizing an incinerator located in Long Beach. Sworn personnel must witness destruction of all drugs
- CAL-OSHA/safety issues involved, particularly for SHARPS disposal; Possibility of hazardous materials situations with drug contamination

Costs:

- Program was **set up to be "zero-cost"**
- Sheriff's Department staff time involved in drug disposal process (8 hrs x 5 days/year), which involves escorting drugs down to incinerator at dump site in Long Beach
- Potential for Hazardous Materials accidents/situations, which are expensive to address via outside private remediation companies.

In-kind/donated supplies/resources:

- U.S. Postal Service donated drop boxes
- County Internal Services Dept metal workshop altered boxes to prevent ability to remove contents of box by member(s) of the public
- Sheriff's Department painted drop boxes and developed decals
- Sheriff's Department uses their own warehouse to store drugs until enough accumulated for disposal/incineration
- Sheriff's Department participates in DEA's "Drug Take-Back Days" twice a year

Opportunity for Collaboration:

- Opportunity for a public entity to enter into a partnership with Sheriff's Department to pay/share expense for contractor/vendor to collect and dispose of prescription drugs
- Partnered with Public Health/Public Works in October 2010. Contract currently exists for disposal of SHARPS with expense incurred by Public Works
- **Benefits:** Less staff time/involvement in disposal process (5 days/year), decreased legal/financial liability regarding potential drug diversion and Sheriff Department personnel/workplace exposures (Hazardous Materials situations, needle stick injuries, etc.)

National Association of Counties Achievement Award Winner 2012 – Recognized as an effective and innovative Program

Stakeholders:

Los Angeles County – Sheriff, Public Works, Public Health, and DEA, FDA, White House (Office of National Drug Control Policy)

"Safe Drug Drop Off"

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health and Public Works, present the "Safe Drug Drop-Off" Program. The program provides an opportunity for residents to safely and anonymously surrender any unused or expired prescriptions, over the counter medications, other controlled substances or syringes. Saving unused or expired medications can lead to improper and illegal use if they fall into the wrong hands. Improper disposal of needles may cause injury.



Safe Drug Drop-Off Sheriff Station Locations:

"Not For Commercial Use"

1. [Altadena](#) – 780 East Altadena Drive, Altadena, CA 91001
2. [Carson](#) – 21356 S. Avalon Blvd., Carson 90745
3. [Century](#) – 11703 S. Alameda St., Lynwood 90262
4. [Compton](#) – 301 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton 90221
5. [Crescenta Valley](#) – 4554 N. Briggs Ave., La Crescenta 91214
6. [East Los Angeles](#) – 5019 E. Third St., Los Angeles 90022
7. [Industry](#) – 150 N. Hudson Ave., Industry 91744
8. [Lakewood](#) – 5130 N. Clark Ave., Lakewood 90712
9. [Lancaster](#) – 501 W. Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster 93534
10. [Lomita](#) – 26123 S. Narbonne Ave., Lomita 90717
11. [Malibu/Lost Hills](#) – 27050 Agoura Hills Rd., Calabasas 91301
12. [Marina Del Rey](#) – 13851 Fiji Way, Marina Del Rey 90292
13. [Norwalk](#) – 12335 Civic Center Dr., Norwalk 90650
14. [Palmdale](#) – 750 Avenue Q, Palmdale 93550
15. [Pico Rivera](#) – 6631 Passons Blvd., Pico Rivera 90660
16. [San Dimas](#) – 270 S. Walnut Ave., San Dimas 91773
17. [Santa Clarita](#) – 23740 W. Magic Mountain Pkwy., Valencia 91355
18. [South Los Angeles](#) – 1310 W. Imperial Hwy., Los Angeles 90044
19. [Temple](#) – 8838 E. Las Tunas Dr., Temple City 91780
20. [Walnut](#) – 21695 E. Valley Blvd., Walnut 91789
21. [West Hollywood](#) – 780 N. San Vicente Blvd., West Hollywood 90069



Safe Drug Drop-Off Program available at local Sheriff's Stations

The public is urged to 'Safely Drop-Off' your unused prescription drugs that day or any day at any of these sheriff's stations of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

LASD Safe-Drug Drop-off boxes are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week in front of the below Los Angeles County Sheriff's patrol stations:

1. Altadena Station: <http://www.Altadena.lasd.org>
2. Carson Station: <http://www.Carson.lasd.org>
3. Century Station: <http://www.Century.lasd.org>
4. Compton Station: <http://www.Compton.lasd.org>
5. Crescenta Valley Station: <http://www.CrescentaValley.lasd.org>
6. East Los Angeles Station: <http://www.EastLA.lasd.org>
7. Industry Station: <http://www.Industry.lasd.org>
8. Lakewood Station: <http://www.Lakewood.lasd.org>
9. Lancaster Station: <http://www.Lancaster.lasd.org>
10. Lomita Station: <http://www.Lomita.lasd.org>
11. Malibu / Lost Hills Station: <http://www.LostHills.lasd.org>
12. Marina Del Rey Station: <http://www.MarinaDelRey.lasd.org>
13. Norwalk Station: <http://www.Norwalk.lasd.org>
14. Palmdale Station: <http://www.Palmdale.lasd.org>
15. Pico Rivera Station: <http://www.PicoRivera.lasd.org>
16. San Dimas Station: <http://www.SanDimas.lasd.org>
17. Santa Clarita Valley Station: <http://www.SantaClarita.lasd.org>
18. Temple Station: <http://www.Temple.lasd.org>
19. Walnut / Diamond Bar Station: <http://www.Walnut.lasd.org>
20. West Hollywood Station: <http://www.WestHollywood.lasd.org>
21. South Los Angeles Station (Replaces Lennox Station)
1310 W. Imperial Hwy, Los Angeles 90044: <http://www.SouthLA.lasd.org>

Since the LASD started the Safe Drug Drop-off program four years ago (2009), the public has shown a strong willingness to help protect the environment and reduce the possibility of unused prescription drugs falling into the wrong hands.

Also, the attached chart reflects the number of syringes (sharps) collected during 2010, including an average of about 450 syringes (sharps) per month.

https://local.nixle.com/alert/3536026/?sub_id=80899

During the past years, the following has been collected by the LASD and disposed of in a safe manner:

This year's totals ending April 30, 2013:

894.50 pounds of prescription medications

233.80 pounds of used syringes

0.00 pounds of Illicit Drugs

During this past year (2012), the following has been collected by the LASD and disposed of in a safe manner:

20,679.34 pounds of prescription medications (10 tons)

11,528.46 pounds of used (512,662) syringes (5-3/4 tons)

37.91 pounds of Illicit Drugs

2011

10,295 pounds of prescription medication

9,025 pounds of syringes

4 pounds of illicit drugs

This is a sharp increase from the drugs collected in 2010 and 2011.

2010

9,546 pounds of prescription medications (nearly 5 tons)

4,520 pounds of used (512,662) syringes (2-1/4 tons)

6.1 pounds of Illicit Drugs

2009

4,113 pounds of prescription medications

3,002 pounds of syringes

3 pounds of illicit drugs

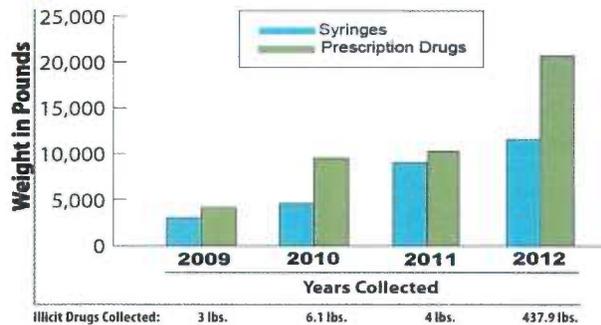
Totals to date:

45,527.84 pounds of prescription medications (22.8 tons)

28,309.26 pounds of syringes (14.15 tons)

41.01 pounds of illicit drugs

LASD Safe Drug Drop Off Program



To view full size graph of the collected prescription medications and syringes click on the following link:

http://cmscontrib1.co.la.ca.us/xpedio/groups/sheriff/@lasd/documents/document/cms1_195460.pdf#xml=http://cmscontrib1.co.la.ca.us/xpedio/idcplg?IdcService=GET_XML_HIGHLIGHT_INFO&QueryText=dDocTitle+%3csubstring%3e+%60cms1_195460%60+%3cOR%3e+dDocName+%3csubstring%3e+%60cms1_195460%60+%3cOR%3e+%28%3cftx%3ecms1_195460%3c%2fftx%3e%29&SortField=dInDate&SortOrder=Desc&dDocName=cms1_195460&HighlightType=PdfHighlight

This successful program continues to provide a unique opportunity for residents to safely and anonymously drop-off expired or unused prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, syringes (sharps), and any other controlled substances.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department participates in this program 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to ensure that residents have a safe way to dispose of these items. The practice of flushing medicines down the drain can have an adverse impact on aquatic wildlife. Wastewater treatment plants are not able to test or treat for pharmaceuticals. Therefore, the drugs end up in our rivers, streams, lakes, groundwater systems and oceans.

Saving unused or expired medications can lead to improper and illegal use if they fall into the wrong hands.



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Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

Community Policing Bureau

Quantity

Prescription Front Blue (A)
W - 14.5" H - 4" 1



Prescription Front Blue (B)
W - 16" H - 9" 1



Prescription Front Blue (C)
W - 13" H - 7" 1



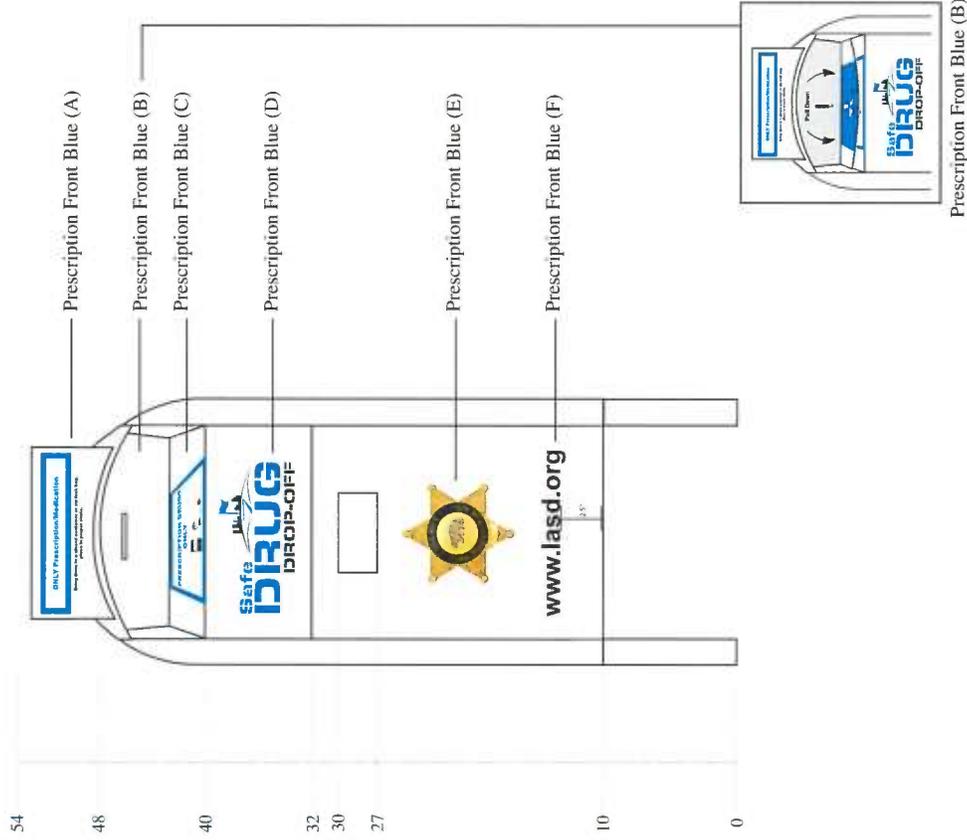
Prescription Front Blue (D)
W - 11" H - 5.5" 1



Prescription Front Blue (E)
W - 7.5" H - 8.5" 1



www.lasd.org Prescription Front Blue (F)
W - 12.5" H - 2.5" 1



Prescription Front Blue (B)

Quantity



Prescription Side Blue (A)
W - 8.5" H - 16.5"

2

54



Prescription Side Blue (B)
W - 5" H - 5.75"

2

48



Prescription Side Blue (C)
W - 10.5" H - 7"

2

10

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Prescription Side Blue (D)
W - 12.5" H - 2.5"

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