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PHARMACEUTICAL EVENT A SUCCESS; OVER 650 POUNDS COLLECTED

On June 1, 2013, the pharmaceutical take-back event was once again a major success with over 650 pounds of waste collected from Vacaville residents.

Held twice a year, the take-back events are a combined effort by the City of Vacaville's Utilities Department and Police Department designed to keep unused medications out of community landfills and water systems.

A steady flow of residents dropping off their medications resulted in the collection of 361 pounds of solid dosage drugs and seven 12-gallon containers of liquid medications for a total of 651 pounds. Two 12-gallon containers of sharps and four blue totes of recyclables (empty medication bottles, cardboard and paper) were also collected.

"This is the biggest turn out so far," said Staci Rossi, Evidence Technician for the Vacaville Police Department. "The event continues to grow and we are educating residents on the importance of these types of programs."

Thanks to everyone who participated in this event. The next pharmaceutical take-back event is scheduled for November 2013, with the date and time to be determined.