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Pharmaceutical Disposal Box at La Palma City Hall

LA PALMA, Calif. – The City of La Palma now has a Pharmaceutical Collection Box located inside City Hall at 7822 Walker Street, La Palma. The box is provided as a free service to La Palma residents so they can conveniently and properly dispose of non-controlled pharmaceutical medicines, including expired or unneeded over-the-counter medications. The collection box can accept loose non-controlled pills and capsules removed from all packaging; however, bottles and liquids cannot be accepted.

It is important to note that studies indicate that pharmaceuticals, hormones, and other organic contaminants are present in more than 80% of tested creeks, rivers, and other waterways. Prescription antibiotics are present in nearly half. The federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) recently conducted two national Take-Back events, gathering over 309 tons of pharmaceutical waste nationwide. This staggering amount of waste prescription drugs, represents a clear need for a convenient way to rid homes of unwanted or expired prescription drugs.

La Palma's new collection box will address the DEA's concerns and reduce the potential for watershed contamination from pharmaceutical waste. For more information about La Palma's pharmaceutical disposal box or other La Palma recycling programs, please visit www.cityoflapalma.org/recycling or call (714) 690-3337.

About the City of La Palma

The City of La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County, consisting of 15,568 residents and 482 commercial and industrial businesses. The City was incorporated in 1955 under the name of Dairyland and has 65 full-time and 35 part-time employees.

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