



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is a national initiative implemented to reduce prescription drug abuse through safe disposal days held twice a year in April and October; and

**Whereas:** More than 35 million people aged 12 and older misuse prescription drugs across the United States; and

**Whereas:** The Drug Enforcement Agency states that prescription drug misuse can and does lead to illicit drug use; and

**Whereas:** Opioid abuse is at epidemic levels in the United States and remains a top public health concern; and

**Whereas:** In King County alone, nearly three people died from a drug overdose every day in 2022, and more than 5,800 others suffered a non-fatal overdose; and

**Whereas:** Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse and overdose; and

**Whereas:** In October 2022, Prescription Drug Take Back Day removed 22,000 pounds of unneeded prescription medications in the Pacific Northwest; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue will host three locations for community members to drop off unwanted medication at City Hall and the Factoria and Crossroad police substations April 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 22, 2023, as:**

## **Prescription Drug Take Back Day**

In Bellevue and encourage all residents to locate unwanted prescription medications and properly dispose of them at an approved location.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue