

## **SUNNYVALE FIRE STATIONS PROVIDE SAFE DISPOSAL OF OLD MEDICINES**

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Flushing unneeded medicines down the drain can cause serious harm to the environment, and now the City of Sunnyvale has taken steps to stop this outdated practice. Each Sunnyvale fire station is now a drop-off point where residents can turn in outdated and unneeded pharmaceuticals.

The new program encourages residents to bring in their unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medicines for collection and proper disposal. A Department of Public Safety (DPS) public safety officer will collect the medicine and log it in before placing it into secure storage. The medicines will then be turned over to a licensed waste management company for safe disposal. The program does not accept “sharps” – needles and lancets – or illegal narcotics. To find a disposal site for sharps, consult [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org) for a nearby location.

Pharmaceuticals may be dropped off at any Sunnyvale fire station as long as there is an officer on duty to accept the medicines. Medicines should never be left at a station unless they are physically handed over to an officer. For more information about this program, call (408) 730-7110, TDD (408) 730-7501. Sunnyvale’s six fire stations are located at:

### **\*This program is for SUNNYVALE RESIDENTS ONLY**

**Station 1** – 171 N. Mathilda Ave., at California Ave

**Station 2** – 795 E, Arques Ave., at Wolfe Rd

**Station 3** – 910 Ticonderoga, at Mary Ave

**Station 4** – 996 S. Wolfe Rd., at Maria Ln

**Station 5** – 1120 Lockheed Way., at Mathilda Ave

**Station 6** – 1282 N. Lawrence Station Rd., near Elko

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