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The 27th National Drug Take Back Day to Be Held October 26, 2024

[Springfield, IL] - October 8, 2024 – The 27th Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) [National Drug Take Back Day](#) will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at selected locations throughout the United States. National Drug Take Back Day allows community members to dispose of their unneeded or expired medications safely and responsibly.

Since its inception in 2010, National Drug Take Back Day (NDTBD) has collected 18,570,487 pounds of medications at thousands of collection sites nationwide. At the April 2024 NDTBD collection event alone, over 4,600 law enforcement participated in the collection effort at over 4,800 sites, yielding over 670,130 pounds of unneeded and/or expired medications.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Removing unnecessary medications from the home can help prevent them from being taken incorrectly or for nonmedical purposes. According to a report published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), most people who use prescription medication for a nonmedical purpose obtain that medication from a family member or friend.

Year-round medication disposal is also available at over 17,000 permanent drop-off boxes in communities nationwide. Those locations can be found [here](#).

Prevention First is committed to helping communities make healthy decisions, including the safe disposal of medication. Safe medication disposal receptacles, along with DEA Take Back events, provide families with easy, no-cost opportunities to get rid of unnecessary medicines stored in the home.

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