



## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day April 29, 2017 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Drug overdoses are killing more people than ever before even though Americans are becoming increasingly aware of the problems from prescription drug abuse. A recent public health study found that more than half of individuals who are prescribed an opioid pain medication never finish the prescription. Another U.S. government report shows that more than 70 percent of people who first misuse prescription drugs get them from their friends, relatives or simply take them without asking. Attacking the problem of prescription drug abuse takes a multi-faceted effort. Here is what **you** can do to help.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has announced that the 13<sup>th</sup> National Prescription Take-Back Day will be Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Take- Back Day provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means to prescription drug disposal, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The DEA began hosting the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in 2010. Since then 6.3 million pounds of medications have been collected for safe disposal.

It is important to get rid of old and unused medicines as soon as they are no longer needed. Some medications can become dangerous or ineffective over time. Other medicines can be abused by someone searching through your medicine stock.

On the National Prescription Take-Back Day communities will be sponsoring take back sites. **There are also pharmacies that will take medications all year round.** Call **1-800-222-1222** and poison center nurses will be able to answer your questions and help you quickly locate the nearest take-back site.



## Participating sites for the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Hy-Vee	3410 N. 156 <sup>th</sup> St	Omaha, NE
Hy-Vee	747 N. 132 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Omaha, NE
Hy-Vee	1000 S. 178 <sup>th</sup> St.	Omaha, NE
Hy-Vee	11650 S. 73 <sup>rd</sup> St.	Papillion, NE
Walgreens	8380 Harrison St.	Ralston, NE
Walgreens	13155 W. Center Rd.	Omaha, NE
Walgreens	13510 Q ST	Omaha, NE
Walgreens	3005 Lake St.	Omaha, NE
La Vista Police Dept.	77012 S. 96 <sup>th</sup> St.	La Vista, NE
Bellevue Police Dept.	1510 Wall St.	Bellevue, NE
Fremont Police Dept.	725 N. Park Ave.	Fremont, NE
Blair Police Dept.	1730 Lincoln St.	Blair, NE
SuperMercado Nuestra Familia	1826 Vinton St.	Omaha, NE

**This list is updated daily. Check with the Nebraska Regional Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for the site closest to you.**



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