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Fourth National (Prescription Drug) Take Back Initiative

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General, in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and State Narcotics Enforcement Division, is coordinating its Fourth National Take Back Initiative on the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. Residents who have expired or unused prescription medications are encouraged to bring in their medications on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at various collection points. A list of collection locations is attached.

This service is free and anonymous – no questions asked. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be accepted.

This is a great opportunity for those who missed previous events or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted or unused prescription drugs to safely dispose of those medications. Nationally, DEA has collected a total of 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories during the past 13 months.

Since September 2010, Hawaii has collected a total of nearly 4,300 pounds of expired and unused prescription medications. With each take back effort, the number of pounds collected has increased in the state. As a result, all three agencies agree that the initiative continues to be a success.

Unused or expired medicine should be disposed of properly when it is no longer needed for the illness for which it was prescribed.

- Medicines may lose their effectiveness after the expiration date.
- Improper use of prescription drugs can be as dangerous as illegal drug use.

Having unused and expired medicine in your home increases the risk of accidental poisoning.

- Homes where children or the elderly live are especially vulnerable to this danger.
- People may mistake one type of medicine for another type. Children may mistake medicine for candy.

Unused or expired medicine should not be thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet.

- Proper disposal helps reduce the risk of prescription drugs being used inappropriately.
- Proper disposal helps reduce the risk of prescription drugs entering a human water supply or potentially harming aquatic life.

This effort is a partnership of:

- Department of the Attorney General
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration
- Narcotics Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety

For more information, please visit www.hawaii.gov/ag, www.justice.gov/dea, and www.hawaii.gov/psd.

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National TAKE BACK Initiative (NTBI)

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal.

**Saturday,
April 28
10:00-2:00 p.m.**



OAHU:

Hawaii State Capitol - *on S. Beretania St.*
415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Kapolei Police Station - *parking lot*
1100 Kamokila Blvd., Kapolei, HI

Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) - *front of Exchange*
Kaneohe Bay, HI (*Must have base access*)

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) - *main lobby*
4725 Bouganville Dr., Honolulu, HI

Schofield Barracks Army and Air Force
Exchange Service (AAFES)
Post Exchange (PX) - *inside near flower shop -*
Schofield Barracks, HI (*Must have base access*)

Town Center of Mililani - *middle of center*
95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Mililani, HI

Windward Mall - *center court area*
46-056 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, HI

BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII:

Army Aviation Support Facility
- *adjacent to Civil Air Patrol*
1095 Kekuanaoa St., Hilo, HI

Hawaii County Police Department
Kona Police Station - *parking lot*
75-5221 Queen Kaahumanu Hwy., Kailua-Kona, HI

KAUAI:

Kauai Police Department - *parking lot*
3990 Kaana St., Lihue, HI

MAUI:

Maui County Police Department - *parking lot*
55 Mahalani St., Wailuku, HI

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