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NATIONAL (PRESCRIPTION DRUG) TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

HONOLULU – Attorney General David Louie, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special-Agent-in-Charge Robin Dinlocker, and Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) Acting Administrator Derek Nakamura ask the community to bring in their expired or unused prescription medications at various collection points from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on October 29, 2011.

Hawaii residents can turn in unused, unneeded, or expired prescription medications at collection site across Hawaii. A list of statewide 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 the third time our department has worked with the National Take Back Initiative. Our partners include the Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Narcotics Enforcement Division,” said Attorney General Louie. “With each Take Back effort, we continue to receive a large number of unneeded prescription medications from the community. I encourage everyone to participate to help keep your homes and your communities safe.”

“This October 23-31, 2011, DEA invites the community to take a visible stand against drugs by celebrating Red Ribbon Week. In support of Red Ribbon week, DEA and its state and local partners are promoting the third National Take Back event on October 29, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at various locations throughout the state. The April 30, 2011 National Take Back event collected nearly 1,300 pounds of prescription medication statewide. Until new regulations are in place, the DEA and its national and community partners will continue to hold prescription drug take back events,” said Robin Dinlocker, U.S. DEA Special-Agent-in-Charge.

“The National Drug Take-Back Initiative has been successful from its start in 2010. Each time, more and more drugs are collected from individuals, the community and those affected by excess, non-usable controlled and non-controlled substances under their control. These efforts both locally and nationally will reap significant returns in many ways for generations to come. The State Narcotics Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety is

committed and will continue to contribute to its success," said Derek Nakamura, NED Acting Administrator.

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

For more information, please visit www.dea.gov

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National TAKE BACK Initiative (NTBI)

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

**Saturday,
October 29
10:00-2:00 p.m.**



OAHU:

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

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

Kahala Mall - *inside mall; Kileaua Ave. end*
4211 Waialae Ave., Honolulu, HI

Town Center of Mililani - *bandstand area*
95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Mililani, HI

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

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

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

Schofield Barracks Army and Air Force
Exchange Service (AAFES)

Post Exchange (PX) - *inside near flower shop*
Schofield Barracks, HI (*Must have base access*)

BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII:

National Guard Aviation Facility - *parking lot*
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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