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**NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE: TURN IN YOUR UNUSED AND/OR EXPIRED  
MEDICATIONS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017**

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General is once again partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and State Narcotics Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety to coordinate a **prescription drug take-back event on Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at various collection points on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Hilo, and Kona.**

This will be the DEA's 14th National Take-Back Initiative for the state of Hawaii. Anyone with expired or unused prescription medications is encouraged to bring their medications to the collection sites. A list of designated collection sites is attached, or you can visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or [www.ag.hawaii.gov](http://www.ag.hawaii.gov) to learn more.

On Oahu, if you miss the October 28th Take Back, you will have another chance to safely dispose of your medications at the **Leeward Discovery Fair/Celebrate Safe Communities Day on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Leeward Community College, Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

This service is free and anonymous – no questions asked. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms of medication will be accepted. New or used needles and syringes will not be accepted.

“Expired prescription drugs on your shelf are dangerous to yourself and others. Do the right thing and dispose of them safely” said **Attorney General Doug Chin.**

“Prescription drug abuse in Hawaii continues to be a serious concern and DEA is pleased to be working once again with the community as well as our state local partners to support the National Take Back Initiative,” said **John Callery, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Honolulu District Office.**

“The Take-Back Program is a free, convenient way for the community to dispose of unneeded or unwanted medication. The Department of Public Safety encourages the public to use this important program,” said **NED Administrator, Jared Redulla.**

In Hawaii, from September 2010 – April 2017, over 28,000 pounds of pharmaceuticals have been safely collected and disposed of at the previous 13 take-back events. Nationwide, the take-backs have collected a total of 4,052 tons of pharmaceuticals since September 2010.

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 or 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 entering a human water supply or potentially harming aquatic life.

For more information, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or [www.ag.hawaii.gov](http://www.ag.hawaii.gov).

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# National TAKE-BACK Initiative (NTBI)

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



**NEW OR USED NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

## OAHU:

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| ◆ Hawaii State Capitol - Beretania Street drive-thru   | 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI                   |
| ◆ Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) - front of Exchange  | Kaneohe Bay, HI ( <i>Must have base access</i> )        |
| ◆ National Guard Armory at Diamond Head - parking lot  | 3949 Diamond Head Rd., Honolulu, HI                     |
| ◆ Pearl City Police Station - parking lot  | 1100 Waimano Home Rd., Pearl City, HI                   |
| ◆ Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) - main lobby  | 4725 Bouganville Drive, Honolulu, HI                    |
| ◆ Schofield Barracks Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Post Exchange (PX) - inside, near flower shop | Schofield Barracks, HI ( <i>Must have base access</i> ) |
| ◆ Town Center of Mililani - Meheula Parkway side of mall   | 95-1249 Meheula Parkway, Mililani, HI                   |
| ◆ Windward Mall - inside mall, near food court   | 46-056 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe, HI                     |

## BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII:

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| ◆ Ka Waena Lapa'au Medical Complex - upper parking lot at the corner of Ponahawai Street and Komohana Street | 670 Ponahawai Street, Hilo, HI                |
| ◆ Hawaii Police Department<br>Kona Police Station - parking lot  | 74 -0611 Hale Makai Place,<br>Kailua-Kona, HI |

## KAUAI:

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| ◆ Kauai Police Department - parking lot | 3990 Kaana Street, Lihue, HI |
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## MAUI:

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| ◆ Maui Police Department - parking lot | 55 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI |
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