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**NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE:  
TURN IN YOUR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS  
ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017**

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General is again partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and State Narcotics Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety (NED) to coordinate a **prescription drug take-back event on Saturday, April 29, 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 13th 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.

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.

“The Take Back Initiative provides a safe and friendly way to dispose of drugs you did not use. As you do your spring cleaning, take advantage of this opportunity,” said **Attorney General Douglas Chin.**

“Prescription drug abuse in Hawaii continues to be a 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,” **Robin Dinlocker, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, DEA.**

“Since 2010, the State Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Enforcement Division has been an avid supporter of the DEA National Prescription Take-Back Initiative, which continues to be a well-received opportunity for the public to properly discard of their expired and unwanted medications. As the abuse of medication continues to climb at a consistent pace across our state and the nation, the State of Hawaii is dedicated to protecting it's communities from the diversion and abuse of stored, unused medications and the prevention of medications finding their way into our precious lands and water

systems. We encourage our communities to join the DEA, State and local enforcement partners by bringing their unwanted medications to one of the various collection sites across the State,” said **NED Administrator, Jared Redulla**.

In Hawaii, from September 2010 through October 2016, over 24,500 pounds of pharmaceuticals have been safely collected and disposed of at the previous twelve take-back events. Nationwide, the take-backs have collected a total of 3,601 tons of pharmaceuticals.

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, April 29, 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                   |
| ◆ Kahala Mall - inside mall, near Kilauea Avenue entrance  | 4211 Waialae Avenue, Honolulu, HI                       |
| ◆ Marine Corps Exchange (MCX) - front of Exchange  | Kaneohe Bay, HI ( <i>Must have base access</i> )        |
| ◆ 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          | 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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