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NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

TURN IN YOUR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS

HONOLULU – The Department of the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety Narcotics Enforcement Division, in partnership with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), are coordinating a prescription drug take-back event on Saturday, October 27, 2018, 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 16th National Take-Back Initiative (NTBI), now in its ninth year 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 or www.ag.hawaii.gov to learn more.

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

"The National Take-Back is a safe way to dispose of unneeded prescription medications so that they don't cause harm to people or pollute the environment," said Attorney General **Russell Suzuki**.

"DEA looks forward to another National Take-Back in Hawaii on October 27th. We would like to thank our long-standing partners across the State in these important lifesaving efforts," said **John Callery**, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. DEA, Honolulu District Office.

"The Department of Public Safety encourages everyone to support the National Take-Back Initiative by disposing of their unneeded medications at one of the many convenient take back locations across the state," said NED Administrator, **Jared Redulla**.

In Hawaii, from September 2010 – April 2018, nearly 41,500 pounds of pharmaceuticals were safely collected and disposed of at the previous 15 take-back events. Nationwide, the take-backs have collected a total of 5,000 tons of pharmaceuticals since the fall of 2010.

If you are not able to participate in this national take-back day, go to **hawaiiopioid.org** to look for a location near you where you can anonymously drop off your unused or expired medications.

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.

Expired medicine should not be thrown in the trash or flushed down the toilet. Proper disposal helps reduce the risk of prescription drugs entering the human water supply or potentially harming aquatic life.

For more information, please visit www.dea.gov or www.ag.hawaii.gov.

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National TAKE-BACK Initiative (NTBI)



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



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**Saturday, October 27, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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| ◆ Hawaii State Capitol - Beretania Street drive-thru | 415 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI |
| ◆ Hickam Commissary -  Front Entrance | 20 Hickam Ct., #2093, Honolulu, HI |
| ◆ Kahala Mall - inside mall, near Kilauea Avenue entrance | 4211 Waialae Avenue, 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 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 (Must have base access) |
| ◆ 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 Kona Police Station - parking lot | 74-0611 Hale Makai Place, Kailua-Kona, HI |

KAUAI:

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| ◆ Kauai Police Department - parking lot | 3990 Kaana Street, Lihue, HI |
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| ◆ Maui Police Department - parking lot | 55 Mahalani Street, Wailuku, HI |
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