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## Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, Oct. 29

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled its third “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day” for Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs, including narcotic painkillers, and over-the-counter drugs.

More than 7 million Americans abuse prescription drugs and it’s estimated that 2,500 teenagers each day use prescription drugs to get high for the first time. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA, in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies, conducted drug take back days Sept. 25, 2010, and April 25, 2011. More than 309 tons of pills were collected in these events. Federal legislation enacted last year provides for the DEA to continue the collection program every six months.

To find collection sites in Iowa, [click here](#).



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