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### NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM OPENS DROP-OFF SITES ACROSS HAWAII

HONOLULU — The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and more than 4,000 of its national, tribal, and community partners will hold a seventh National Prescription Drug Take Back Day at over 5,500 sites across America tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 26).

These Take Back Days are needed to curb drug abuse and give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

The DEA's six previous Take-Back Days turned in nearly 2.8 million pounds – almost 1,409 tons—of prescription drugs

The Public Safety Department Narcotics Enforcement Division (NED) is participating with the DEA on this program. All drugs collected in Hawaii will be weighed, stored and eventually destroyed.

For more information visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov), click on the "Got Drugs?" icon. Or you can call 1-800-882-9539.

Collection sites will be open across Hawaii from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The Hawaii collection sites include:

Town Center of Mililani  
Kapolei Police Department  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center  
Kahala Mall

Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX)  
Schofield Army Barracks AAFES PX (Authorized personnel with base access only)  
Kaneohe Marine Corps Base Exchange (Authorized personnel with base access only)

Maui Police Department  
Kauai Police Department

If you are not able to make it to tomorrow's DEA Take Back Day there will be another opportunity next Saturday at Leeward Community College. They will be holding their Leeward Discovery Fair - Celebrate Safe Communities Event. The Take Back program will be at the event and will accept old prescriptions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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