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DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Toolkit

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PURPOSE

On October 25, 2025, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will host the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This is a biannual event hosted nationwide to provide the public with a free and convenient opportunity for the disposal of unwanted, unused, and expired medicines from households. The event is managed by the DEA in partnership with local law enforcement agencies across the United States.

This toolkit is intended to provide clear guidelines and templates to facilitate the promotion and support of the upcoming DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in conjunction with MyOldMeds.com, and to equip legislators with an overview of messaging and key information in an easy-to-share format.

TOOLS

Legislators can show their support of the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day and MyOldMeds.com by sharing any of the following content included in this toolkit:

- Press Release Template
- Social Media Posts
- One-Page Fact Sheet
- Spokesperson Talking Points
- Blog Content

Additionally, please be sure to follow the MyOldMeds social media accounts, which feature weekly educational posts.

Facebook: facebook.com/myoldmeds

Twitter/X: x.com/myoldmeds

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Press Release Template

Drug Enforcement Agency Prescription Drug Take-Back Day and PPSWG's Year-Round Household Medicine Disposal Site Locator, MyOldMeds.com

The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is on October 25, 2025. From 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the DEA will provide the public with a free and convenient opportunity to dispose of unwanted, unused, and expired household medicines. To find a location near you, please visit the event's [website](#) and use the Collection Site Locator Tool.

What if I can't make it to the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-back Day?

(INSERT LEGISLATOR NAME HERE) recognizes that you might not be able to make it to the DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. If you are unable to attend the event, [MyOldMeds.com](#) features a [Locator Tool](#) that can help you find the nearest disposal site year-round. There are more than 32,000 verified locations in all 50 states that have secure unwanted or expired medicine disposal kiosks, and/or provide free in-home disposal kits upon request. Additionally, the [Locator Tool](#) provides disposal sites' hours of operation, hours of collection, what is collected, and other helpful information. [MyOldMeds.com](#) also provides information on proper use, proper storage, and proper disposal of unwanted or expired household medicine.

Press Contact:

INSERT LEGISLATOR CONTACT



Social Media Templates

Available for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram; these graphics and suggested text templates are a great way to quickly and frequently demonstrate your support for safe disposal in your community. Visit members.ppswg.org/s/myoldmeds or contact info@ppswg.org for high resolution graphics.



The next DEA National Prescription Drug #TakeBackDay will be held on October 25! Learn how to prepare, what will be collected, and how to safely store your medicine until the event at MyOldMeds.com/blog. #ppswg #myoldmeds #safestorage #safedisposal



During the Spring 2025 National Rx #TakeBackDay, the DEA collected over 310 tons of household medicines! Can we break that record on Sat 10/25? Find a participating location at takebackday.dea.gov! Can't make it? Find a year-round disposal site at MyOldMeds.com. #ppswg #myoldmeds #safedisposal



Can't make it to the DEA National Prescription Drug #TakeBackDay on Saturday, October 25? Find a year-round disposal site near you at MyOldMeds.com/kiosk-locator. #ppswg #myoldmeds #safedisposal



Today's the day! Bring your unwanted, unused, and expired medicines to the 29th DEA National Prescription Drug #TakeBackDay between 10AM - 2PM. Find a participating location near you at takebackday.dea.gov! #ppswg #myoldmeds #safedisposal

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD MEDICINES

Provided by members of the Pharmaceutical Product Stewardship Work Group, MyOldMeds.com identifies free, easy, and convenient options to properly dispose of unwanted household prescription and over-the-counter medicines.

LOCATOR TOOL: DISPOSAL OPTIONS NEAR YOU

Find a year-round location at MyOldMeds.com to dispose of unwanted, unused, or expired household medicines or request a free in-home disposal kit (subject to availability).



32,000+ locations

MyOldMeds.com's searchable database lists over 32,000 convenient locations in pharmacies, law enforcement agencies, government offices, and healthcare facilities.

All 50 States Verified 2x per year

**Always properly dispose of
unwanted household medicine.
Learn more at MyOldMeds.com.**

PROPER USE, PROPER STORAGE, PROPER DISPOSAL

MyOldMeds.com highlights the importance of proper use, storage, and, when necessary, disposal of unwanted, unused, or expired medicines.



Follow the **instructions exactly as provided** including labeling information and Medication Guides accompanying the medicine. If you have any questions, ask your healthcare providers.



In particular, follow any **storage** instructions as provided on the medicine label and on the patient information accompanying the medicine.



Keep the medicine in a **secure** location, either in a medicine cabinet or safely away from people or pets that might come in contact with it.



When medicine is unwanted, unused, or expired, **dispose** of it immediately, properly, and according to local regulations. Remove or destroy all identifying personal information on the medication labels or packaging to protect your privacy.



MyOldMeds Talking Points

These talking points are provided to be used in any communication in which companies wish to highlight support of MyOldMeds and free, public drug disposal in their communities. Talking points can be used, for example, on official's websites, social media, press releases, and newsletters.

- | **[Insert Legislator's Name]** is committed to ensuring **[Jurisdiction]** is aware of the existing network of drug disposal options available in our area via MyOldMeds.com, helping to keep patients, families, and our community safe and healthy.
- | The existing drug take back system is comprehensive and effective. There are more than 32,000 convenient locations in all 50 states providing drug take back options, where consumers can easily and safely dispose of leftover medication.
- | MyOldMeds.com is the nation's most comprehensive resource of existing drug take back options, with an easy-to-use locator tool that lists more than 32,000 convenient locations in all 50 states.
- | **[Insert Legislator's Name]** supports efforts to provide a valuable patient service that supports community safety and health by helping to keep unused medication away from kids and pets and out of the hands of anyone that could misuse them.
- | Visit www.MyOldMeds.com to learn more about this critical public health initiative and the available drug take back options in our area.



Sample Blog Content

If you have a blog or other similar opportunities to communicate with your community, consider featuring information on the proper disposal of unwanted or expired medicines and your support of MyOldMeds.com. The below blog content is provided for your use, whether in full or in part, on your blog or similar channels.



Preparing for the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

October 25, 2025, 10AM-2PM ~

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is a biannual event hosted nationwide to provide the public with a free and convenient opportunity for the disposal of unwanted, unused, and expired medicines from households. The event is hosted by the DEA in partnership with local law enforcement agencies all across the United States.

If you're planning to participate in the upcoming DEA Take-Back Day on **October 25, 2025 from 10 AM – 2 PM**, keep reading to learn where to go, what to expect, and how to prepare.

Where does the DEA Take-Back Day take place?

To find an event site near you, use the locator tool featured on the event's homepage [here](#). If you do not immediately find a collection site near you, the DEA encourages visitors to continue checking back frequently, as new sites are added each day. Host locations typically include law enforcement facilities, pharmacies, healthcare facilities, hospitals, and clinics.

What types of unwanted, unused, or expired medicines will be collected?

During the event, host sites will be collecting pills and capsules. Both prescription and over-the-counter medicines will be accepted.



Sample Blog Content

The DEA cannot accept liquids, sharps, or needles. For guidance on disposal of these types of products, check your local regulations for disposal methods, and then review the following resources provided by the FDA:

- [Where and How to Dispose of Unused Medicines](#)
- [Best Way to Get Rid of Used Needles and Other Sharps](#)

What steps should I take to prepare?

- First, collect the unwanted, unused, and expired medicines that you plan to dispose of.
- Next, remove or black-out any personally-identifying information from the products' labels or packaging.
- Keep the products in their prescription bottles or packaging and place them in a clear, sealed bag.
- Finally, be sure to store products you plan to dispose of in a location that is hard-to-reach, out-of-sight, and/or in a secure storage device (small, personal lock-boxes can be purchased online, or at your local hardware or sporting goods stores), particularly if you have children or pets in your household that may inadvertently come into contact with them.

What can I expect once I arrive?

Trained volunteers will be available at the event to handle collected materials and ensure safe disposal. You will be expected to provide the materials you wish to dispose of in a clear, sealed bag (volunteers will not be able to accept loose pills or capsules).

When attending the event, be sure to follow any procedures and/or guidance provided by volunteers at your local collection site to help keep yourself and your community safe.

What if I can't make it to the event?

MyOldMeds.com features a [Locator Tool](#) that can help you find options for year-round disposal, including kiosk sites and locations offering in-home disposal kits. Additionally, the Locator Tool provides information on disposal sites' hours of operation, hours of collection, what they collect, and other pertinent information. For tips on preparing to visit a disposal site near you, check out our blog post: [Three Steps to Take Before Visiting a Kiosk Site](#).

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