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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Held April 27th

Drop Off Unused Prescriptions to Help Prevent Misuse

On Saturday, April 27th, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and its state and local partners will hold the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The DEA began the initiative in 2010 to provide easy, anonymous opportunities to remove medicines in the home that are highly susceptible to misuse and theft. The Chubbuck Police Department will be hosting a local Take Back Day collection site at the Chubbuck Police Department at 5160 Yellowstone Ave, Chubbuck Idaho 83202 on Saturday, April 27th from 10 am to 2 pm.

The event will allow community members to safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions and help prevent drug misuse in our state. All non-liquid prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over-the-counter medications and veterinary medications. Additionally, the Take Back Day collection sites will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (without the batteries in the device). **Intravenous solutions, injectables, inhalers, syringes, and chemotherapy medications will not be accepted.**

When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medications.

If you miss the April 27th Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, there are several prescription drug take back locations throughout southeastern Idaho. For a list of drop off locations, visit https://www.siphidaho.org/community-health/_pdf/PHD6-OPIOIDS-SUBSTANCE-USE-DISORDER-RESOURCES.pdf.

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