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The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Encourages Ohioans to Participate in the 9th National DEA Drug-Take Back Day

On Saturday, September 27th, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) offers Ohioans a chance to dispose of unwanted and expired medications during the ninth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Held from 10 AM to 2 PM on September 27, 2014, this event allows Ohioans to safely and anonymously dispose of expired or unused prescription medications. The DEA has coordinated with a number of Ohio law enforcement agencies, which must be present to accept controlled substances, to make the event possible.

“Prescription medications, such as narcotic painkillers, continue to be the lead contributor to Ohio’s drug overdose epidemic”, says Ohio State Board of Pharmacy Interim Executive Director Eric Griffin. “The Board of Pharmacy encourages Ohioans to protect the health and safety of their communities by properly disposing of these dangerous drugs.”

Last April, Americans turned in 390 tons or more than 780,000 pounds of prescription drugs at nearly 6,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,400 of its state and local law enforcement partners. In addition to offering free, anonymous, and convenient disposal, the Take-Back Day also educates the public about how medications can be misused or abused. To locate an Ohio drop off site nearest you, please visit: http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html.

For those who cannot make the Take-Back Day, many local law enforcement agencies operate prescription drug disposal boxes where residents can dispose of drugs during normal business hours. To locate your closest drug drop box, please contact your local law enforcement agency or visit: <http://rxdrugdropbox.org/>.