

## Press Release

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#### Update: Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Results

Residents participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event turned in 993 pounds of unused, unneeded, and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications to the Fort Collins Police Services site on Saturday, April 27. This national event focuses attention to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse and proper disposal methods.

Last September, over 488,395 pounds—244 tons—of prescription drugs were collected at sites operated by the DEA and their state and local law enforcement partners. When added to the collections from previous Take-Back events, more than 2 million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

Nationwide results for the April 27 event are still being tallied.

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#### Original Press Release

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#### REMINDER: April 27 Nationwide Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. local law enforcement and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public another opportunity to properly dispose of unused, unneeded, and/or expired prescription medications.

Area drop off locations will be held at the following sites from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous.

- Fort Collins: Fort Collins Police Services, 2221 S. Timberline Road  
Colorado State University, Green Hall, 750 S. Meridian Ave.
- Estes Park: Rocky Mountain Pharmacy, 453 East Wonderview Avenue
- Loveland: Loveland Police Department, 810 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Wellington: Wellington Fire Station #1, 8130 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- Windsor: 200 N. 11<sup>th</sup>
- Red Feather: Fire Station at 44 Firehouse Lane

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Information on environmentally sound medication disposable methods that minimize opportunities for misuse and protect the environment will be present at the Fort Collins collection site. Flushing medications down the toilet or throwing them in the trash can cause pollution of lakes, streams and water supplies and pose potential safety and health hazards.

Intravenous solutions, injectables, syringes, mercury (thermometers) oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs will not be accepted due to potential health hazards. Law enforcement officers will be present with the drug disposal box at all times. At the conclusion of the event, the boxes will be sealed and turned over to the DEA for proper disposal. All drugs will be incinerated according to federal and state environmental guidelines.

For additional information about the event, contact Lt. Greg Yeager, Northern Colorado Drug Task Force, 970-416-2185.

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