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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on October 24th In Eastern Idaho

Drop Off Unused Medications and Help Prevent Misuse

Eastern Idaho – On Saturday, October 24th, Eastern Idaho Public Health (EIPH) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as well as state and local partners within Eastern Idaho to hold the **31st National Prescription Drug Take Back Day**. Locally, Eastern Idaho Public Health, Bonneville County Sheriff's Office, Idaho Falls Police Department, Idaho State Police, Rexburg Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, St. Anthony Police Department, Custer County Sheriff's Office, Community Youth in Action, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, College of Eastern Idaho, and Center for Hope are **hosting five (5) Take Back Day collection site events within Eastern Idaho on Saturday, October 24th.**

Challis Location:

- Custer County Sheriff's Office: 130 S. 9th Street Challis, ID 83226
 - Hours 12pm to 2pm

Idaho Falls Location:

- College of Eastern Idaho: 1600 South 25th East Idaho Falls, ID 83404
 - Hours: 10am to 2pm

Rigby Location:

- Broulim's Fresh Foods: 150 N. State Street Rigby, ID 83442
 - Hours: 10am to 2pm

Rexburg Location:

- Rexburg Walmart: 1450 N. 2nd E, Rexburg, ID 83440
 - Hours: 10am to 2pm

St. Anthony Location:

- St. Anthony City Building: 420 N Bridge St, St. Anthony, ID 83445
 - Hours: 10am to 2pm

***Community members attending these events will receive a packet of educational materials while supplies last.**

Drug take-back days provide a safe way for residents to dispose of unused or expired household medications. By clearing out these prescription drugs, families help prevent medication misuse and lower the risk of accidental poisonings. When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away, or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, and the environment. Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medication on Saturday, October 24th.

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These events will allow community members to safely and securely dispose of any unused, unwanted, or expired prescriptions and help prevent drug misuse in our state. All prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over the counter and veterinary medications. Take Back Day collection sites will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (**without the batteries in the device**). **Needles will not be accepted.**

This past April 2026 Drug Take Back Day, local law enforcement agencies in partnership with Eastern Idaho Public Health collected **over 551 pounds** of unused and expired medications in Eastern Idaho. Statewide, **a total of 5,825 pounds** of unused and expired medications were collected.¹

If you miss your local Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, visit an [Eastern Idaho Public Health office](#) to pick up a [free Drug Deactivation Packet](#) or find a year-round drop off location online at the [Idaho Office of Drug Policy](#).

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¹ Trull, J. (2026, October 6). National Prescription Drug Take Back day. Idaho Office of Drug Policy. <https://odp.idaho.gov/take-back-day/>