

Healthy Lifestyles

April 2025



**Saturday,
April 26, 2025**

The goal of these events is to provide safe, convenient and responsible means of prescription drug disposal.

The April 2024 event brought in 630,000 pounds (315 tons) nationwide of medication, according to the DEA.gov website.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 4 out of 5 Heroin users started by using opioid medications that were not prescribed for them. Every year, the US Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), along with its national, tribal and local community partners sponsor two events called National Prescription Drug Takeback Day.

Below are links to the **State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy** and other resources that you may share with members so they can get additional information as well as identify local locations that will take back prescriptions any time of year, and finally a link to safe pain medication and management practices.

1. To Find Everyday Drop-off locations nationwide, please visit:
<https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch/spring/main?execution=e1s1>
2. For more information about safe pain medication use and pain management practices, please visit: <https://takecharge.ohio.gov> or more specifically:
 - a. Pain Medication Safety Brochure: [BHIW TC Initiative for PainMed Safety 06262024.pdf](#)
 - b. Safer, More Effective Pain Management: [BHIW TC Promoting Safer Effective Pain Management 02122024.pdf](#)
3. Get Smart About Drugs, DEA website which is a resource for parents, educators and caregivers to help get more educated about drugs using drug look-up tools, seeing what is latest in the news, and many other resources, you may access using this link
<https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov>
4. FDA Link to disposal provides a link to a list of drugs that may be flushed only if drug take back option is not available
 - a. [Drug Disposal: FDA's Flush List for Certain Medicines | FDA](#)

<https://www.dea.gov/takebackday%20You%20can%20search%20by%20zip>