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## Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and Board of Pharmacy collect 1,153 pounds of unused medications during DEA- sponsored 17th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Indianapolis, IN – On Saturday, April 27th, the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and Indiana Board of Pharmacy collected 1,153 pounds of unused or expired medications over nine locations across the state.

Twice each year, the IPLA partners with community healthcare professionals and local law enforcement to coordinate temporary locations around the state for Hoosiers to drop-off any unwanted or expired medications for disposal.

Proper disposal ensures medications won't be misused by friends or family and protects against causing any unintentional environmental hazards, which can arise from throwing away or flushing medications.

The DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take Back Day initiative was organized in response to these concerns. Held once in the spring and fall of each year, National Prescription Drug Take Back Days now provide convenient options for communities to properly dispose of any unwanted medications.

In addition to the drop off locations on Prescription Drug Take Back Days, year-round drop off locations can also be found in neighborhoods all over the state.

To find one near you, visit deadiversion.usdoj.gov.

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