



Ohioans dispose of 13.5 tons of pills during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) thanked Ohio residents this week for properly disposing of 13.5 tons (27,192 pounds) of unneeded, unwanted or expired prescription drugs during last Saturday's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of prescription drug disposal. Unused prescription drugs in homes create a public health and safety concern because the medications can be accidentally ingested, stolen, misused and abused.

"Prescription drug diversion and opiate addiction continue to be a serious problem in Ohio and across the county," said Attorney General DeWine. "We thank those who safely disposed of their medications on Saturday for playing a role in preventing abuse and addiction."

Those who are still in possession of unneeded prescription drugs can drop them off at one of several prescription drug drop box locations across the state. A list of locations of prescription drug drop boxes provided by the Attorney General's Office, Ohio Department of Health, and Drug Free Action Alliance is available on the [Ohio Attorney General's website](#).