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Deputies Collecting Unwanted Prescription Drugs at Saturday's Take Back Event

Pueblo, CO: The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is once again teaming up with the Drug Enforcement Administration to collect unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications this Saturday, April 22 for the National Drug Take Back event.

Pueblo County residents can drop off their unwanted prescription medications at three convenient locations in the county from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drugs are accepted anonymously and will be disposed of in a safe manner. There is no charge for the service.

Items that cannot be accepted at the Drug Take Back are needles and sharps, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters and illicit drugs.

Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies will be at the following locations to collect unwanted prescription medications:

- Pueblo County Sheriff's Office West Sub-Station, 320 Joe Martinez Blvd.
- Pueblo Rural Fire Station, 29912 U.S. Highway 50 E (between Wago Drive and 30th Lane)
- Valley Health Mart Pharmacy, 4493 Bent Brothers Blvd. Colorado City

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back was started by the Drug Enforcement Administration to get unused or outdated drugs out of homes so they cannot be misused or abused. Studies show that many abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Many people do not know how to properly dispose of unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away, both potential safety and health hazards.

The National Drug Take Back is held twice a year, in April and October. In 2022, Pueblo County residents disposed of 424 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs, including 274 pounds that was collected in October.

For more information about the program, go to www.dea.gov.

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