



# THE CONNECTION

IOWA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF DRUG CONTROL POLICY

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## DEA PRESCRIPTION TAKE BACK DAY—OCTOBER 26, 2013 - 10AM TO 2PM

Nationwide, 70% of teens who misuse prescription drugs obtain them from the homes of family and friends.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. Turn in your unused or expired medications, including controlled substances, for safe disposal!

For more information about proper drug disposal, or to find a collection site near you, please visit the Drug Enforcement Administration's website or the Office of Drug Control Policy at [www.iowa.gov/odcp](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp).

Sincerely,

Steven F. Lukan

**Got Drugs?**  
Turn in your unused or expired  
medication for safe disposal  
Saturday, October 26th



## IOWA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION TAKEAWAY

<http://www.iarx.org/takeaway/>

### What is the *TakeAway* program?

The *TakeAway* program allows Iowans to properly dispose of unused and expired medications at community pharmacies.

### What medications can I bring to the *TakeAway* program?

Any pharmaceutical product, both prescription and over-the-counter medications, can be taken to a *TakeAway* pharmacy for proper disposal EXCEPT controlled substances. Creams, ointments, and liquids are acceptable if they are less than 4 oz.

### Why should I take my unused medications to a *TakeAway* pharmacy?

Unused medications should be disposed of properly to avoid a number of complications. Some possible risks of improper disposal include environmental and water contamination, accidental ingestion by children or pets, and drug diversion. In addition, it is always good practice to dispose of unused or expired medications to avoid confusion and possible drug interactions with current medications.

### HELPFUL LINKS:

- Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center  
[www.drugfreeinfo.org](http://www.drugfreeinfo.org)
- Office of Drug Control Policy  
[www.iowa.gov/odcp](http://www.iowa.gov/odcp)
- The Partnership @ Drug Free Iowa.org  
[www.drugfreeiowa.org](http://www.drugfreeiowa.org)
- Iowa Poison Control Center  
[www.iowapoisson.org](http://www.iowapoisson.org)



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