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National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Coming Up on April 25

SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO – On Saturday, April 25, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and community partners all over the health district to host a local Drug Take Back Day collection event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the following locations:

- **Twin Falls: Fred Meyer Parking Lot (705 Blue Lakes Blvd N)**

Community Partners: Treatment and Recovery Center (TARC) and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

- **Filer: M&W Market (130 Highway 30)**

Community Partners: Filer Police Department

- **Gooding: The Walker Center (605 11th Ave E)**

Community Partners: The Walker Center and the Gooding County Sheriff's Office

- **Heyburn: Heyburn Police Department (1800 J St)**

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- **Hailey: Town Center West (116 S River St)**

Community Partners: Hailey Police Department, Men's Second Chance Living, and the Crisis Hotline

In 2025, over 3.3 million controlled substance prescriptions were dispensed in Idaho alone. When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. From the latest data available, there were 337 deaths related to drug overdose in Idaho in 2024.

Any loss of life from preventable drug overdose is too much. Drug disposal is one of the most effective ways to prevent potential prescription misuse and/or overdose. "Safe medication disposal is a simple but powerful step in preventing prescription drug misuse and accidental poisoning. Events like Drug Take Back Day give our

community a convenient and responsible way to remove unused medications from their homes and reduce potential harm,” said Taylor Bybee, SCPHD Senior Health Education Specialist.

“With hundreds of overdose deaths in Idaho each year, it’s critical that we reduce access to unused medications in our homes. Participating in Drug Take Back Day is an easy way for people to help prevent misuse and protect their families and communities,” said Cody Orchard, SCPHD Senior Health Education Specialist.

All prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and veterinary medications. Take Back drop-off locations will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (without the batteries in the device). **Needles will not be accepted.**

Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medication on Saturday, April 25.

If you miss your local Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, find year-round drop off locations online at: odp.idaho.gov/prescription-drug-take-back-program

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