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**National Prescription Drug Take Back Day to provide safe disposal of medications**

**HUNTINGTON, W.VA.—**Area residents can safely dispose of prescription medications next weekend during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to help prevent prescription drug use by providing a safe option to dispose of unused or expired medications, no questions asked. The Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership (CCSAPP) will sponsor drug take backs at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department on Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals may drop off unused or expired medications at 703 7th Ave. in Huntington. The Milton Volunteer Fire Department is also a participating location.

“Disposing of prescription medications decreases pollutant in our water and helps to reduce and prevent the misuse of prescription medications,” said Craig Jankowski, project coordinator with CCSAPP. “Besides this designated day, Cabell County residents should feel free to use the permanent drop boxes located at the Huntington and Milton Police departments for these reasons.”

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the national Take Back events have yielded 9,964,714 pounds, or 4,982 tons of medications collected since the program began in 2010.

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